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The Office of the Public Auditor allegedly caught Department of Corrections director Gregory Castro using a Corrections vehicle to go to the Marianas Country Club last week and play golf.

» Castro allegedly used DOC car to go to golf links; OPA impounds vehicle

OPA impounded the unmarked vehicle and cited Castro for misuse of a government vehicle, according to multiple sources at OPA and the Department of Public Safety.

Saipan Tribune contacted Castro and acting Corrections commissioner

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15 off to nationals in June

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, right, listens while Spanish historian Dr. Carlos Madrid, Ph.D., second left, discusses the possibility of loaning some of the CNMI's artifacts from the Spanish galleon *Concepcion* for an exhibit in Manila. Also in photo are Philippine Consul General Marciano R. De Borja, second right, and Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Eli Arago.

Historian wants to borrow galleon artifacts

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Spanish historian Carlos Madrid, Ph.D., has asked to borrow the Commonwealth's collection of artifacts from the 120-ton Spanish galleon *Nuestra Señora de la Concepción* for an exhibit in the Museo de Galleon in

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Local

Program to visit Korea reopens to Saipan students

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REPORTER

The Korean community on Saipan has rekindled a program that sends students to South Korea to further cultural awareness and to help promote the CNMI.

The newly elected president of the Korean Community of Saipan, Lim Jae Yeol, has partnered with the Saipan Mayor's Office to reprioritize the long cancelled program to send Saipan students to Korea, with the next trip open for application by the end of the weekend.

The program would be accepting 25 students, with 23 selected by the Saipan Mayor's Office and two selected by KCS. Altogether, the trip would consist of the 25 students, five guides, translators, and tour conductors, with the guides being selected by the Saipan Mayor's Office and KCS handling the rest.

The upcoming trip is intended to be the start of a series of meetings with other Korean mayors, to establish a relationship that allows for a student exchange program, similar to that of Japanese schools and universities.

"Later this year, maybe August, the students could come here [in a student exchange program]," said Lim.

The last trip that brought Saipan students to Korea was back in 2014.

"We are thankful to [Lim] and his assistant, Simon Sin, including the KCS. This is an opportunity for Saipan students to learn about the Korean way of life, including the culture, tradition, and historical landmarks," said Saipan Mayor's Office special assistant Henry Hofschneider.

The students would be toured in renowned cities such as Seoul, Incheon, Yongin, and Hwaseong from June 4, 2017, to June 8, 2017.

A fee of $500 must first be paid for the trip and is inclusive of lodging, transportation in Korea, airfare, insurance, meals, entrance fees for sites, and other various expenditures.

High schools and college level students are invited to apply. Requirements include passport copies and pictures for identification in Korea and may be submitted personally at the Saipan Mayor's Office or KCS, or through email at y.kishimoto@gmail.com. The fee would be paid through the SMO or to KCS upon selection.

Deadline for application of the 23 limited slots is next Monday, March 27, 2017.

For more information or for inquiries, contact Yuki Kishimoto at 234-6208 or through email at y.kishimoto@gmail.com.

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MP Holdings revives SCC property

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REPORTER

MP Holdings is pumping in a more than $2 million into the CNMI economy. It is now developing the area beside the Saipan Country Club in Chalan Kiya with a Saipan Las Vegas e-gaming facility, which is located at the former Fashion Outlet.

SCC, considered the first golf course on Saipan, is also under MP Holdings. It remains a nine-hole golf course, with plans to expand it to 18 holes. SCC had already re-opened.

"We initially saw the [SCC] golf course. It was the original golf course on Saipan and I think it was built by the [United States] Department of Defense in the 1950s. It just kind of lost its luster and lost a bit of direction," said Gus Noble.

"We see it as the hidden jewel of Saipan. [SCC] is a beautiful little golf course and it is very nice. We just can't believe that it is just sitting here and no one is playing there anymore. We saw that there's real opportunity here."

Noble is a management consultant and advisor of MaxGaming Consulting LLC and is also one of the officials of MP Holdings in charge of the new e-gaming facility, Saipan Las Vegas.

Saipan Las Vegas opened last Monday with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson in attendance.

Noble said they saw the building of the former Fashion Outlet and saw the opportunity of opening up a business and developing the adjacent area into an e-gaming facility near the iconic SCC golf course.

"We saw this building, the former Fashion Outlet, and it had some deconstructed stuff on top of it. It was a bit of an eyesore. But we saw another opportunity, renovated the building and developed it to an e-gaming facility," said Noble. "Now, we've finished with the gameroom and opened on [Monday]. We want it to be an entertainment venue here on Middle Road."

The gameroom, which also has a dining area and kitchen, has 93 e-gaming machines. They are open from 12pm to 10am the entire week. Starting March 27, their schedule would be from 12pm to 4am.

Noble said Saipan Las Vegas' building also has three private rooms. "You can play golf and it is in a central location. Garapan and Susupe is just five minutes away, and it is also near the beach."

Mini integrated resort

Noble said what they're developing in the 200,000-square-meter property is a mini integrated resort with the e-gaming facility, a golf course, and the 50-room hotel that is currently being built using pre-fabricated materials like 20-foot containers.

"Others are building four- or five-star hotels. We saw the opportunity to offer affordable accommodations for tourists. We thought that there's some real opportunity here with what's happening with tourism in the CNMI. We had another record month with the number of visitor arrivals reaching 60,000 in February."

"We're building a 50-room hotel and turn this into a nice, little integrated resort. It will have gaming, golf, and accommodations. Something unique to offer for Saipan tourists and we're very excited with this project."

He added that they are also going to expand the hotel, adding 50 more rooms, which would only cost $50 a night. "We know tourism is doing great and we want to do our own contribution by offering something new for travelers."

The 50-room hotel is expected to open on June 1. "The beauty of the materials that we're using is you could build it quickly. It is quick to construct since the materials, for one room, is in flat packs where you just bolt them together."

JON PEREZ
The sign of Fabulous Saipan Vegas Golf Resort and Slot Club will greet visitors right outside the facility.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and first lady Diann lead the ribbon cutting ceremony of the e-gaming facility.

Ex-cop Hocog has a pending criminal contempt case

Former police officer Victor Val Hocog, who is facing charges of selling crystal meth or "ice," has a pending criminal contempt of court case.

According to court documents, on Nov. 10, 2015, the Office of the Attorney General charged Hocog with criminal contempt of court.

Between Sept. 25, 2014, and Nov. 9, 2015, Hocog allegedly refused to comply with the Superior Court's order to undergo 30 months of rehabilitation services from the Hawaii Habilitat Treatment facility by June 4, 2015. The order was in connection with his 2014 criminal case.

Hocog, however, was not arrested in the criminal contempt case; he was only summoned to appear in court on Nov. 23, 2015.

At his arraignment on Nov. 23, 2015, Hocog appeared with then-assistant public defender Matthew Meyer. Hocog entered a plea of not guilty.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

At the status conference on Dec. 19, 2016, Hocog did not appear. Assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley appeared for the government.

Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja issued bench warrant for Hocog's arrest. Bail was set at $500.

In the bench warrant, Naraja commanded the Department of Public Safety commissioner, Marshal Division, or any law enforcement officer to arrest Hocog for failure to appear at the Dec. 19, 2016, hearing and bring him before the court.

It is not clear from court records whether the bench warrant was ever served on the 42-year-old Hocog.

Saipan Tribune learned yesterday that the criminal contempt of court case is pending as Hocog, through counsel, appealed to the CNMI Supreme Court, arguing that his sentence in a previous criminal case does not comply with the sentencing statute and is illegal.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit, counsel for Hocog, asserted that Naraja impermissibly sentenced the defendant to 30 months of rehabilitation and ordered the OAG to monitor compliance with the rehabilitation provision.

In the government's opposition to the appeal, assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley said the Supreme Court should affirm because no illegal sentence was imposed, no separation of powers issues exist, and Naraja's involvement was limited to ensuring the plea agreement was technically and legally sound.

"Defendant cannot have his cake and eat it too," Baisley said.

The drug rehabilitation requirement was in connection with Hocog's prior conviction. On Sept. 25, 2014, he was sentenced to 15 months in prison after he pleaded guilty to illegal possession of a controlled substance. He was given credit for 226 days of time served.

In 2011, Hocog pleaded guilty to assault and battery in a domestic violence case. Naraja sentenced him to one year in prison, all suspended except for nine days, with credit for nine days of time served.

Last March 8,the OAG filed an information charging Hocog with trafficking of a controlled substance and illegal possession of a controlled substance.

OAG investigator George Fleming David alleged that their "cooperating source" managed to buy $240 worth of "ice" from Hocog during a buy-walk operation in the parking lot of a store in As Lito on Sept. 15, 2016.

Hocog was arrested on Oct. 10, 2016, over the alleged Sept. 15 drug transaction. He was subsequently released after he offered to serve as a confidential informant to authorities.

The OAG later moved to revoke the defendant's release. Hocog was not re-arrested and was instead summoned to appear in court last March 13.

At the March 13 arraignment, Hocog pleaded not guilty to trafficking and illegal possession of a controlled substance. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Tarkong court action vs DPS dismissed

The Superior Court dismissed yesterday the discrimination lawsuit filed police officer Jason Tarkong against the Department of Public Safety.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho dismissed the case after Tarkong and DPS agreed to drop the case as the underlying grievance has been resolved. Tarkong can no longer re-file the court action.

Robert T. Torres, counsel for Tarkong, and assistant attorney general Tom Schweiger filed the stipulation to dismiss yesterday.

Tarkong, a veteran of the CNMI's police force, sued DPS and the Civil Service Commission for alleged discriminatory practices after he was not promoted to the rank of a sergeant. CSC was later dismissed from the case.

In DPS' motion to dismiss the case earlier, Schweiger pointed out that the general rule does not apply for an employee who has not been injured, nor does it apply when there is another rule that addresses the situation Tarkong complains of.

Schweiger said to allow Tarkong to expand his options under the general statute would be to allow any government employee to file a "grievance" against any government hire even when the employee hadn't applied for the position. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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NMC seminar invites 900 HS students

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REPORTER

Both public and private high school seniors were invited to attend the 2017 Northern Marianas College Start Smart seminar, where students were enticed to enroll in the lone community college of the CNMI.

The NMC Start Smart seminar was held at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall yesterday, attended by students from the five public schools and six private schools on island.

NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez said the seminar usually results in 45 to 50 percent of high school graduates going to NMC.

"We wish to increase that. We talk to the students about the college and all of the services that we offer," said Fernandez.

According to Fernandez, the 900 high schools students are roughly divided into 300 per day, today being the last day of the seminar.

"We want all of our high schools to come to NMC. We are here to take care of them and provide them with all of the support they need to be successful."

Saipan Southern High School's Song Min Kyu is interested in enrolling in NMC's computer application associates degree.

"I am looking at business applications as well," said Song.

"I think it's a great opportunity. I like the fact that [NMC] has affordable tuition, but I don't have family here and I am not really used to the environment [here]," said Rota's Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr. Sr. High School's Andrea T. Atalig.

Atalig is considering enrolling in NMC but, since here home is on Rota, she "was still not sure."

Besides being the lone community college in the CNMI, NMC offers a variety of scholarships that cater to CNMI residents: the CNMI Scholarship, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance, Tinian municipal scholarship, Rota municipal scholarship, Palau State Scholarship, Chuuk State Scholarship, Pohnpei State Scholarship, and Yap State Scholarship, to name a few.

YUUKI NISHIDA

Members of the National Speech and Debate Association team that will represent the CNMI at the national competition in June pose for a photo at the Marianas High School Dolphin Theater after a meeting with the coaches.

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Marianas High School.

Over 100 students competed to earn the top spots in 14 categories in last week's contest. The NSDA named the members of the CNMI team that will represent the islands in the upcoming national competition this June in Birmingham, Alabama.

Saipan International School's Shae Hartig will represent the islands in Lincoln-Douglas debate; Kagman High School's Elizabeth Rose Jones and Edson Valdisimo will represent expository speech and Chamorro interpretation, respectively; Mount Carmel School's Joshua Santos and Jeff Matthew Melchor will be representing the CNMI in commentary and impromptu speech.

First-timer Nathaniel Snodgrass of MCS will represent the islands in United States extemporaneous speech. "It is an honor to represent the CNMI at the national competition in Alabama and my goal is to work my hardest to earn a place in the [extemporaneous] event," Snodgrass said. "Even if I fail, I would still smile, knowing that an islander like me came so far to represent his great people."

Jeremiah and Nehemiah Fernandez of Saipan Southern High School will represent the islands in duo interpretation. Veteran Jeremiah Fernandez said it feels great to be a part of the CNMI team again and looks forward to traveling with the CNMI's best of the best.

Grace Christian Academy's veteran speech orator, Yujin Lee, will be representing the islands in dramatic interpretation. The last time she visited Birmingham, Alabama, was in the National Junior Speech and Debate tournament where she was in the top three for dramatic interpretation. "It is truly an honor to represent the CNMI for the National Speech and Debate competition for my entire junior high and high school career. I would not have been the person I am today without NSDA. I not only learned to have confidence in the way I carry myself but how to work within a team to bring out the strengths of each talented member." Lee said. "As for my last trip, I will cherish every moment with friends who have been there for me throughout the thick and thin of the years, I thank the coaches who have devoted their time and effort to support our success, and I will give my all in my performances."

GCA's Minna Ito will represent the CNMI in Original Oratory. Last year, Ito was the first CNMI representative to break the furthest in the expository event.

Marianas High School earned the most representatives in the CNMI team, with Kate Ishida representing poetry, Esther Park in story telling, Esther Kim in prose, Kelvin Wolf in Humorous Interpretation, and this author in international extemporaneous speech.

Marianas High School's coach Dencio V. Manglona feels that this year is a unique year because some of the most poignant student leaders have come together to make Team CNMI. "I'm glad to see that many of the coaches and students are veterans who have been to nationals previously, so I know that with our talents we can come back together again as a group of mentors and protégées, all working together to make the CNMI proud."

CNMI Speech and Debate Association board chair Harold Easton extoled the student orators for their hard work and efforts. He said that CNMI students have a history of doing well at the national level.

The Primary Grade Forensics Competition is slated to take place this week. Gold medalists of the high school tilt will join the NJSDA team in Alabama.

CPA

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a resolution to Customs and Border Protection to formally request it to hire more people.

CPA board member and airport committee chair Barrie Toves told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that since the screening of tourists lies in the hands of CBP, it makes sense to appeal to them to increase the number of screeners at the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport.

"We understand that the processing of the passengers is in their control, but there seems to be a problem with the delays, so we are requesting formally through the resolution that they increase [their] manpower," said Toves.

CBP director Robert Humphrey is expected to visit Saipan in mid-April. CPA is looking to take advantage of his presence by giving him their resolution to pass to CBP higher-ups.

Rep. Don Barcinas (R-Saipan) and Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) attended yesterday's CPA board meeting. Barcinas, who chairs the House's Transportation Committee, supported the resolution.

"We want [CPA] to know that the Transportation Committee members stand ready to work with the CPA management team and the CPA board of directors," said Barcinas. "We are committed to improving the wellbeing of the people of the CNMI by focusing our priorities on all the transportation needs of the people who live and visit our islands."

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres earlier directed CPA to look into ongoing tourism issues that could jeopardize the CNMI's parole authority. It is that authority which allows the entry of Chinese and Russian tourists to the CNMI.

Chinese tourists make up 40 percent of total visitors in fiscal years 2016, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority.

According to Torres' letter to CPA, if the CNMI loses its parole authority, "[we will] revert to severe economic depression [the CNMI] experienced only a few short years ago."

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Lino Tenorio yesterday for comments, but they had yet to reply as of press time.

Sources said that during OPA's surveillance, they saw Castro on a Corrections vehicle issued to him driving toward the Marianas Country Club, where he played golf last week, Wednesday, in the morning office hours.

Sources said the surveillance was initiated after Castro was allegedly seen using the car whenever he played golf at the same golf course.

The case, however, is traffic and not a criminal matter, sources said.

Castro's court appearance will be in the last part of May, sources added.

HISTORIAN

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Manila this year.

The *Concepción*, which was part Spain's fleet plying the lucrative Manila-Marianas-Acapulco galleon trade route, hit the coast of Saipan near Agingan Point on Sept. 20, 1638. The ship was carrying ceramics, gems, gold, silk, silver, and other valuable products, many of which are displayed in Saipan's Museum of History and Culture.

Madrid said the request to borrow the artifacts is part of a private initiative among the Philippines, Mexico, and Spain.

"We want to highlight the importance of the galleon trade that connected different countries. The Marianas also played a meaningful role in the history of the galleon trade," he said.

Madrid, who is the director of the Instituto Cervantes in Manila, used to work at the museum here on Saipan more than 10 years ago and is a frequent visitor to the islands; he gives lectures on the CNMI's Spanish era history.

He said the Saipan museum has a magnificent collection of artifacts and he hopes to borrow some for display at the $8-million Museo de Galleon at the Mall of Asia complex. A galleon's exact replica would also be displayed as an added attraction.

Madrid, along with Philippine Consul General Marciano R. De Borja, met with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres yesterday to formally ask the CNMI government if he could borrow some artifacts, including the hundreds-year-old anchor of the *Concepción*, which is displayed outside the Historic Preservation Office.

"The anchor does not fit anywhere and one of the possibilities we could do is we can take care of restoring it. Send it back here so it could be exhibited on Saipan. This could open a collaboration between our two countries," said Madrid.

"Governor, if you're interested and if you could consider lending us part of the *Concepción* to this museum, it could also showcase the CNMI museum and attract tourism here as well since it would be an international exhibit."

The Museo de Galleon will have a soft opening on Aug. 8, coinciding with the celebration of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' 50th anniversary. The exhibit is expected to attract 25,000 visitors a month.

Mågås opens shop at T Galleria

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The first local clothing brand opened shop last Friday at the T Galleria, making it the first ever local ready-to-wear brand to set up shop inside the Duty Free Shopping chain.

Local clothing brand Mågås opened Friday at T Galleria, enticing customers with a chance to win hats called snapbacks and lots of other freebies such as stickers for every purchase, and a lanyard and a drawstring bag for every $50 and $100 purchase.

ERWIN ENCINARES

Customers scout the exclusive designs of the Mågås brand at T Galleria.

Mågås is a Chamorro word that has a lot of meanings, including boss, chief, leader, great, exulted, superior, and supreme.

"I am really honored and humbled for the opportunity to collaborate with another outstanding business that delivers on products in the CNMI," said Mågås founder Frank Cabrera

Cabrera told Saipan Tribune that he is proud to be a part of T Galleria and mentioned that Mågås products sold at the mall are exclusive to it.

Mågås could be purchased at the main store, 670 Rocksteady Shop, and features a variety of local designs and are all printed on Saipan. The Mågås brand boasts an experienced design team coupled with quality material from the U.S. and creates authentic high quality products such as shirts, tanktops, long sleeves, hoodies, Ppolo shirts, board shorts, snapbacks, accessories, and leggings.

Cabrera describes the Mågås-T Galleria partnership as a "blessing" since T Galleria is frequented by tourists, giving visitors a peek into the CNMI culture.

"It really opens up our market. We get to showcase our wonderful items to whoever comes to our islands," said Cabrera.

DFS Saipan general manager Milan Rabold told Saipan Tribune that the brand offers a "more local experience," one that shows tourists a "truly unique side of Saipan."

Rabold said Mågås is merely the start of a series of other local brands, but declined to specify which brands DFS is targeting.

"We'll announce it when we're ready, but it shouldn't be too long," said Rabold, further confirming that there would be more local brands opening shop along the year.

Money laundering, visa fraud sink GCC, company officials

Shawn N. Anderson, acting U.S. attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, announced yesterday that the Guam Construction Co. and its president, Byong Hee Kang, 88, were convicted and sentenced for conspiracy to commit visa fraud. Also, Choon Hee Kang, 76, the sister of Byong Kang and former vice president of GCC, was convicted and sentenced for conspiracy to commit money laundering.

On July 10, 2015, a superseding indictment was returned against GCC, Byong Hee Kang, and Choon Hee Kang. Charges included conspiracy to commit visa fraud by intentionally misrepresenting the occupations of H-2B workers in an effort to fraudulently obtain H-2B visas. After the workers arrived in Guam, Byong Hee Kang caused GCC to employ them in skilled occupations not authorized on their H-2B visas.

Additionally, Choon Hee Kang and her co-defendants were charged with conspiracy to launder money, which involved financial transactions with visa fraud proceeds exceeding $1,140,878.07.

The United States also sought the forfeiture of money equal to the value of the proceeds of that offense.

On March 20, 2017, Chief Judge Francis Tydingco-Gatewood of the District of Guam sentenced the defendants as follows:

GCC sentenced to:

- Five years probation (during which it must submit to unannounced examination of its books and records by the probation officer or experts engaged by the court);
- $1,875,407.12 in criminal forfeiture, which represented visa fraud proceeds seized from the GCC corporate bank account.
- An additional $27,000 fine
- $400 assessment fee

Byong Hee Kang was sentenced to:

- Three years probation with 14 months of home detention;
- $10,000 fine
- $2,334 restitution
- $100 Special Assessment fee
- Forfeiture of all rights and interest in the visa fraud proceeds.

Choon Hee Kang was sentenced to:

- Time served and three years of supervised release.
- As a condition of supervised release, report to DHS for removal or deportation proceedings
- $7,500 fine
- $100 special assessment fee
- Forfeiture of all rights and interest in the visa fraud proceeds.

Anderson said: "Maintaining the integrity of the H-2B visa program is vital to our business community. The Department of Justice will continue to prosecute those who seek personal enrichment through dishonest business practices. The forfeiture of nearly $2 million in visa fraud proceeds is a significant step toward accountability for corporate wrongdoers..."

The investigation was a joint effort involving local and federal law enforcement, including the Department of Homeland Security - Homeland Security Investigations, the Internal Revenue Service —Criminal Investigations, the U.S. Department of Labor —Wage & Hour Division, the Guam Department of Labor, and Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency.

This case was prosecuted by Stephen F. Leon Guerrero and Belinda Alcantara, assistant US. attorneys. ***(USAO)***

'Suspects in CW-1 scam case terrorized families of victims'

Two of the four suspects who were arrested last week for allegedly recruiting alien workers from Bangladesh for a fee with promises of work and green cards reportedly terrorized the families of their victims in their country.

Assistant U.S. attorney James J. Benedetto said there is clear evidence that Muksedur Rahman and Zeaur Rahman Dalu tried to silence their victims by harassing the victims' families in Bangladesh.

He said the defendants have engaged in a pattern of intimidation and attempted assault.

Benedetto sought Monday to continue the detention of Rahman, Dalu, and co-defendant MD. Rafiqul Islam until the case goes to trial.

Another defendant, David Trung Quoc Phan, president of United Brothers Inc., which operates TBK Auto Cares, was released last week on an unsecured bond and certain conditions.

The indictment charged the four with mail fraud and five counts of fraud in foreign labor contracting.

In his motion for detention, which he submitted before the U.S. District Court for the NMI, Benedetto noted that Rahman asserted that because he knows the CNMI governor, he can do anything he wants on Saipan without consequence, including "killing" on the island.

Benedetto also cited the conduct of Rahman's wife, who according to numerous statements, has repeatedly offered to falsely accuse the victims of sexually assaulting her.

The wife also allegedly stated that Dalu's police officer brother has threatened to "destroy" the families of the defendants' victims.

Benedetto said the court should find, by clear and convincing evidence, that Rahman and Dalu pose a risk to other persons and the community.

The hearing on the motion for detention will be on Thursday at 2:30pm.

Rahman, Dalu, and Islam pleaded not guilty on Monday. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Japanese consul Matsumura bids farewell

After an assignment of 11 months, Japanese Consul Toshio Matsumura has bid farewell to Saipan.

Matsumura and his wife, Kyoko, hosted a farewell dinner last Friday night at the Fiesta Hall of the Grandvrio Resort in Garapan. The couple intends to fly out in April.

Matsumura said that, although he did not contribute as much as he would like, he did make many great memories in the CNMI.

Matsumura said he was greeted with warm and helping hands and hopes that the same treatment is given to his successor, who will be arriving in a month.

The consul who will replace Matsumura remains unknown.

Matsumura promised to maintain the bond between Saipan and Japan even after he leaves.

One of those present at the farewell dinner, Ms. Marianas Peachy Quitugua, told *Saipan Tribune:* "Its saddening that they have to leave. They contributed a lot…but I don't think leaving will stop them from contributing to our community."

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres shared a fond memory about a phone conversation he had with Matsumura before the consul came to Saipan. "Saipan needs Japanese tourists," Torres told Matsumura before his arrival. According to Torres, since Matsumura's arrival, the CNMI has seen an increase in the number of Japanese tourists in the CNMI. "For this next couple of months, we hope to see more Japanese tourists and investors come and that we continue to keep the bond between Saipan and Japan strong."

After leaving Saipan, Matsumura intends to finally retire. Vice Consul Morishita Hirotsugu will temporarily be the acting Japanese consul. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Japanese Consul Toshio Matsumura, left, and his wife, Kyoko, speak with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres during the farewell dinner last Friday night at the Fiesta Hall of the Grandvrio Resort in Garapan

Man, 41, allegedly sexually assaulted minor

A 41-year-old man was arrested on Sunday for allegedly sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl in Kagman 3.

Mariano M. Satur Jr. was arrested for sexual assault in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, and disturbing the peace.

Police said that Satur later admitted touching the girl's privates as she lay asleep.

A police officer who responded to the scene said the girl was crying and appeared to be scared.

A $50,000 cash bail was imposed on Satur yesterday; his preliminary hearing is on March 30 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Nancy Dominski was appointed as counsel for Satur. Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government.

A police officer was dispatched to a house in Kagman 3 on Sunday afternoon in response to a report of a sexual assault incident.

Police said the officer met with the victim's brother, who stated that his 13-year-old sister had confided to him that Satur had sexually assaulted her. The officer then interviewed the girl.

The officer learned that, prior to the incident, Satur and the girl's father were drinking alcoholic beverages outside the house. During the alleged sexual assault, the girl managed to get away from Satur.

Yesterday's bail hearing was held in the courtroom of Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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The training will be conducted by Jim Arenovski of Island Training Solutions and Delta Management Corp. Arenovski's team at Saipan Shell stations was recently awarded top honors at IP&E's 2017 Awards Banquet as ranking No. 1 in customer service!

This seminar will take place at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce conference room (Marianas Business Plaza, third foor, Suite 315) on April 20, 2017, from 9am to 12pm. Registration fee is $50 per person for Chamber members and $55 per person for non-members. Light refreshments are included. Reservations and advance payment are required, as seating is limited. To register, call 670-234-7150 or email coordinator@saipan-chamber.com. ***(PR)***

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COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Special Meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2017 at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. The public is invited to attend.

The following is the proposed agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

III. Public Comment

IV. Adoption of Agenda

V. Adoption of Minutes

VI. New Business
A. Discussion on proposed amendments to exclusive casino license on the following items
a. The Live Training Facility 6 months extension
b. The completion date of Initial Gaming Facility (IGF) 6 months extension from August 2014
c. The completion timeline for phase one
d. Payment schedule of funds outlined in license
e. DPAC

VII. Executive Session
VIII. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission by telephone through the Office of the Finance Secretary at 664-1100.

Rustic Vigan never disappoints

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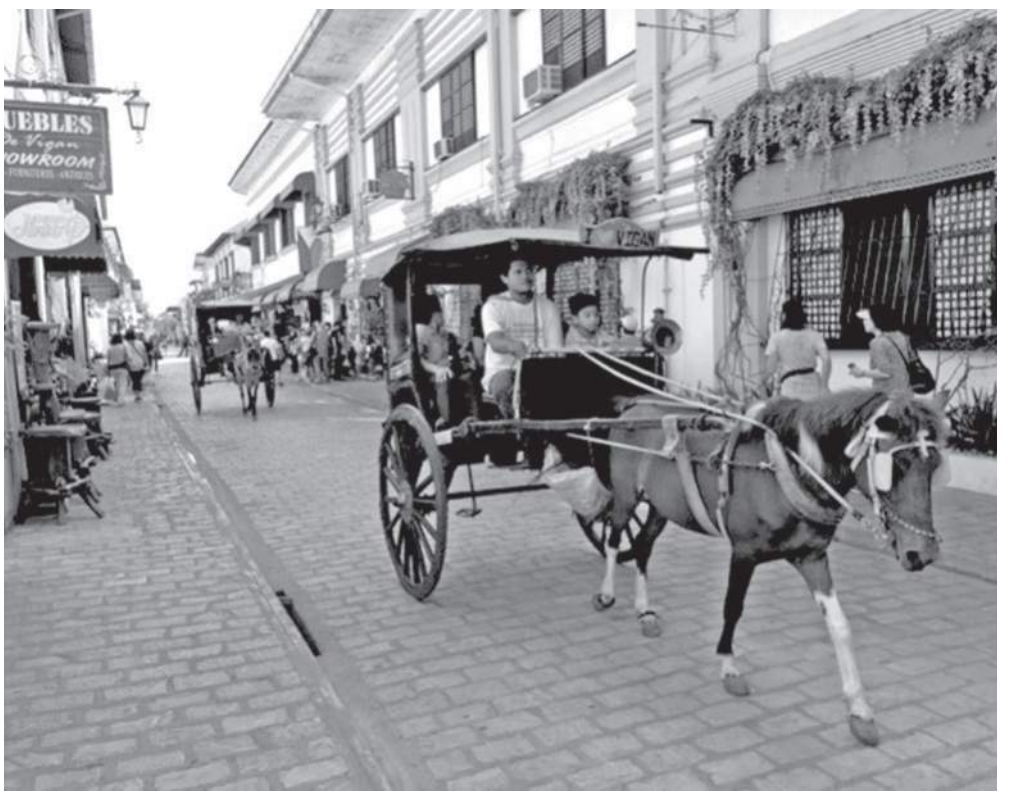

MARK RABAGO

For its first port call, CNMI and Guam media along with Stay and Cruise partners aboard *SuperStar Virgo* toured a veritable time capsule in Calle Crisologo in Vigan, Ilocos Sur.

VIGAN, Philippines—The first port call of Resorts World Manila's Stay and Cruise package aboard the *SuperStar Virgo* luxury liner brought participants of the familiarization tour to the capital of Ilocos Sur, Vigan.

Docking a few miles off the coast of Currimao in Ilocos Norte last Monday, CNMI and Guam media aboard the *SuperStar Virgo*, along with RWM partners, motored down to one of the few Hispanic towns left that have remained virtually intact in the country.

Even before stepping on Vigan's famous cobblestoned streets along Calle Crisologo, the tour guide in the bus, a woman nicknamed "Louie," told the group that the city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is recognized as one of the New7Wonders Cities by the New7Wonders Foundation.

The group prepared for their brief excursion to Calle Crisologo by having lunch at Hidden Garden Lilong and Lilang Restaurant where they satisfied their cravings for authentic Ilocano cuisine.

Alighting from the bus, the group was immediately greeted by the elegance of the Vigan Cathedral, a massive structure built in 1799 by the Augustinians in the distinctive Ilocano baroque architecture.

The three-tiered façade betrays some Chinese influence such as carvings of dogs placed near religious figures or statues. It is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site declaration for the Historic Town of Vigan in 1999.

A stone's throw away from the St. Paul Metropolitan Cathedral is the Kamestizoan District in Vigan where the group probably thought it traveled back in time after seeing row upon row of "bahay na bato" (literally stone houses) that had its zenith during the Spanish colonial period.

Replete with ancestral houses with ancient tile roofs, massive hardwood floorings, balustrades, and azoteas in varying Spanish-Mexican-Chinese architectural styles, the walk-through tour of Calle Crisologo was complemented by a cultural show that featured Spanish period dances.

Even though these period houses appeared ancient, they still remained functional. Some residents could be seen peering through their second-floor windows and balconies at the throng of tourists passing by. It's also uncommon to see houses doubling as stores, hawking anything from T-shirts, woven bags and hats, miniature horse-drawn carriages, and even cellphone loads.

A nugget of trivia about Vigan's Calle Crisologo: A city ordinance essentially banned modern improvements to houses and structures in the historical site if not done in the bygone Spanish period.

Because of this, McDonald's, Jollibee, and Max's Restaurant have throwback versions of their fast food stores in the district.

While admiring the jaw-dropping rustic beauty of Vigan, the group also had an opportunity to shop for mementos and souvenirs and some even sampled the city's version of the Ilocos empanada and *ukoy* (shrimp fritters).

RWM's ever-attentive chaperones also treated members of the group to "dirty ice cream" and offered several of them *calesa* rides back to the bus drop-off point.

The group continued its FAM tour of *SuperStar Virgo*'s six-day and five-night cruise to Laoag (Currimao), Philippines, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, China by steaming toward Kaoshung yesterday.

The 882-foot, over 75,000-gross ton *SuperStar Virgo* could accommodate up to 1,870 passengers and was designed specifically for the Asian cruise market.

Guam and Saipan residents can directly avail of the Stay and Cruise package using credit card payments through the SSV RWM BUNDLE option at www.rwmanila.com/stayandcruise. Those interested can also call John Hagemann at +63917878583/ john.hagemann@rwmanila.com or Janine Chua at +639178788576/ janine.chua@rwmanila for more details. For other inquiries and reservations, contact Tourist/Visitor Hotline at (02) 908-8833 or visit www.rwmanila.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR CNMI WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

The Antidegradation Policy of the Water Quality Standards of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands states that the protection and maintenance of the quality of the waters of the Commonwealth are an historic and legal right of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, and that this shall be the public policy of the Commonwealth. Any proposed activity that will impact the waters of the Commonwealth must receive a Water Quality Certification from the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ). In issuing a Water Quality Certification, BECQ must assure that the proposed activity complies with all applicable provisions of the CNMI Water Quality Standards and federal Clean Water Act, will not interfere with the attainment or maintenance of the existing or designated uses of the Commonwealth waters, and that all appropriate and practicable steps have been taken to minimize potential adverse impacts to aquatic life and human health.

Upon receiving an application, BECQ issues a public notification which describes the proposed activity and potential impacts on water quality, aquatic life and human health. A thirty (30) day public comment period will commence from the date of the first publication of the notice.

The Administrator of BECQ may conduct a public hearing to solicit comments on the application if a hearing is requested by the public. BECQ will make a determination for issuing a Water Quality Certification based upon a complete technical review of the application and the public comments received.

BECQ is soliciting comments on the following renewal application for a CNMI Water Quality Certification.

1. **APPLICANT**: Seatouch LLC/Let's Go Tour Company
   PO Box 50128 Saipan, MP 96950
2. **APPLICABLE STATUTORY AUTHORITY**: CNMI Commonwealth Environmental Protection Act (Public Law No. 3-23); CNMI Water Quality Standards, Chapter 65-130
3. **LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY**: Beach side adjacent to Fiesta Hotel, Garapan
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY**: A floating dock and enclosure that houses stingrays is currently in place with a walkway from shore. The dock system is anchored by 20 units, each weighing 1 ton. The enclosure is secured by wire mesh fitted with stainless steel wire cables and concrete filled PVC pipes that are spooled onto the mesh.
5. **IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ACTION**: The enclosure of stingrays in a confined area has the potential to produce excess waste that could enrich the surrounding waters and alter the surrounding coral and seagrass assemblages.
6. **PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES**: A water quality sampling plan was developed to monitor before-after-control-impact (BACI) to generate baseline water quality data and then assess water quality during operations. These data will provide a general characterization of the nearshore lagoon water quality.

Written comments and inquires should be submitted to DEQ within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication of this notice. Please mail comments to Director, Division of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 501304, Saipan, MP 96950

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Imperial Pacific International's Corporate Social Responsibility division donates $2,000 to the Northern Marianas Trades Institute.

NMTI to expand hotel, resto infrastructure

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute recently received a corporate donation from Imperial Pacific International's Corporate Social Responsibility division in the amount of $2,000.

The contribution by one of Saipan's largest business enterprises is welcome news as the institute is currently expanding its infrastructure in Lower Base yet again due to the growing demand for individuals in the hospitality areas specific to hotel and restaurant operations.

The donation rose after a chance meeting between IPI CSR's Geralyn Dela Cruz and Agnes McPhetres, NMTI CEO.

"This is IPI's way of showing appreciation for what the school does for not only our business but for CNMI businesses as a whole. The cash donation is our commitment to assisting institutions that produce personnel for the CNMI workforce," said Dela Cruz

NMTI is currently expanding its campus to include a mock hotel and restaurant space classroom to accommodate the growing interest in the community for such a trade. Currently, such hands-on learning are happening at the Hyatt Regency Saipan as they have been the program's major catalyst since the beginning.

McPhetres said: "The construction of the new mock classroom is being designed by our stakeholders in the industry and for this we are truly grateful to them for guiding the growth of this program."

According to Victorino Cepeda, NMTI director of External Relations, "the funding received from Imperial Pacific will be allocated solely for the expansion of the HR classroom. The funds donated get us one step closer toward getting our much needed floor space. We anticipate spending a bit over $40,000 on the renovation needs alone. Providing hands-on training is a bit trickier financially than a regular academic as we prepare students for real world settings."

McPhetres reiterated the school's gratefulness for the contribution: "As a CNMI stakeholder, IPI's actions speaks volumes. They are committed to the wellbeing of our islands and the future that lies ahead. I cannot thank them enough as I know there are other worthy organizations out there vying for such financial support as well. On behalf of the students, faculty, administrators, and NMTI board of directors I extend an *un dankulu na si yu'us ma'ase yan oloomway reemi."* ***(PR)***

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-17-IFB-011

SUPPLY, DELIVERY OF TRACTOR BOOM MOWER

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) is soliciting sealed bids for the Supply, Delivery of Tractor Boom Mower, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **March 22, 2017** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Fifty Dollars ($50.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

Breach of Ethical Standard

- ***Gratuities.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefor.
- ***Kickbacks.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontractor or order.
- ***Contingent fees.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **April 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m. local time** at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **April 28, 2017** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of **Technical Services Division,** 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.
The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-17-IFB-011**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, May 3, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, May 3, 2017**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **May 3, 2017** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **May 12, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, May 17, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on May 3, 2017**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB17-BECQ/DEQ-105

SUBMISSION DATE: APRIL 21, 2017 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF A 4X4 (4 DOORS) PICK UP TRUCK FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY, DIV. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, **LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN**, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN
ADMINISTRATOR OF BECQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR OF P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB17-HSEM-113

SUBMISSION DATE: APRIL 21, 2017 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE, DELIVER & INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) MEDIUM INTENSITY OBSTRUCTION LIGHT SYSTEM FOR THE CNMI HSEMA MT. TAPOCHAU COMMUNICATION TOWER"

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE MEETING IS SCHEDULED ON APRIL 07, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE HSEMA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, CAPITOL HILL.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/S/ GERALD J. DELEON GUERRERO
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR HSEM

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR OF P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB17-DLNR/DFW (BTS)-103 CIF TINIAN

SUBMISSION DATE: APRIL 07, 2017 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF A 4X4 PICK UP TRUCK (CREW CAB/FOUR (4) DOORS) FOR THE DLNR, DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE, BROWN TREE SNAKE PROGRAM, TINIAN BRANCH"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70.30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ RICHARD B. SEMAN
SECRETARY OF DLNR

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

A total of 112 cadets from the Manta Ray Battalion and senior Army instructor CSM (ret.) Richard Basa have their picture taken after the cleanup.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Manta Ray cleans up Koblerville

As part of its community service, the Manta Ray Battalion fanned out to clean up several areas of Koblerville on March 18, 2017.

In all, a total of 112 cadets participated, one of the highest number of participants, including the Manta Ray Battalion commander, command sergeant major, and executive officer, along with their senior Army instructor, CSM (ret.) Richard Basa and Bernie Basa.

The battalion was divided into three groups: one starting from Tottotville led by cadet Maj. Ezekiel Rafanan, another starting at PakPak Beach led by cadet Capt. Collins Flores, and one in the Saipan Southern High School campus led by cadet Capt. Emmanuel Aquino.

Cadet Lt. Col. Matthew Kapileo, the Manta Ray Battalion commander, monitored the progress of the cadets and ensured that they were safe throughout the cleanup Cadet CSM June Alipio brought water and trash bags to the groups. Two groups swept through Koblerville, meeting in the middle in front of P&A Laundry, while the other cleared the SSHS campus. ***(PR)***

Battalion formation after the cleanup.

Cadets walk through Koblerville Drive.

Cadets smile for the camera.

Senior Army instructor CSM (ret.) Richard Basa briefs the cadets on safety measures.

Cadets pick up trash along Bibinka Ave.

Cadets pick up trash at Saipan Southern High School.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Generator System Supply and Installation- Rota Mayor's Office
RFP17-GOV-077

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the CNMI Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to supply and install a generator for the Rota Mayor's Office on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

The project package will be available beginning March 15, 2017 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A pre-proposal meeting will be held on Rota at 10:00 a.m. on April 5, 2017, at the Rota Mayor's Office conference room.

Questions about this request for proposal shall be addressed to the HMGP Office attn.: Leona DLG. Sablan, in writing via e-mail: leona.cip@gmail.com or facsimile (670) 664-2408 no later than 4:30 p.m., ChST, April 11, 2017.

The total proposal length shall not exceed 15 pages in length. A contractor that submits a proposal as a prime contractor cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, a company may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1.	Qualifications and experience on similar projects	30%
2.	Work load and resources to accomplish work	10%
3.	Project Approach & Schedule	10%
4.	Cost	50%

Performance time for completion of this project is 120 calendar days upon issuance of notice to proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 120 calendar days, the contract price and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top 3 ranked contractors. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified contractor to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP17-GOV-077 Generator System Supply and Installation- Rota Mayor's Office. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, April 24, 2017. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, April 24, 2017 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com.

For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, April 24, 2017, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than May 3, 2017. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Virginia C. Villagomez
Governor's Authorized Representative

Herman S. Sablan
Director of Procurement and Supply

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-17-021

IFET DRIVE 4-INCH WATERLINE PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Ifet Drive 4-Inch Waterline Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of new installation of new 4-inch & 6-inch distribution lines and tapping to existing mains. The work also includes the installation of new flush hydrant, new water lateral connections, relocation and reconnection of existing water meters and asphalt pavement restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **120 calendar days** from date of award of contract

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **March 29, 2017** at **10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-17-021, Ifet Drive 4-Inch Waterline Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 05, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 31, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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EDITORIAL

Party of 'No' struggles to get to 'Yes' on repealing and replacing the ACA

There's a disconnect between the Republican Party leadership, President Trump, conservatives in the House, practical deal-makers in the Senate and those hard-core working-class voters who supported Trump's election chiefly based on their hatred for President Obama.

In fact, there are so many disconnections that Republicans' plans to dismantle the Affordable Care Act are starting to be reminiscent of a shade-tree mechanic who boasts as he takes apart a motor—and then has no idea how to put it back together.

What a mess the Republicans have made. Their leader on the issues, House Speaker Paul Ryan, may be trying to deliver a slick rollout of a new health care plan, but Ryan's own small government philosophy is getting in his way. He somehow believes that most Americans like his "small government" ideas, but he doesn't understand that small government sounds good until it shrinks something that's important to people—such as their health care benefits. Then, they don't like it so much. (Ryan also would like to change Medicare and Social Security, but even some of his conservative allies are afraid of that.)

Ryan has spent too much time in conference rooms on Capitol Hill and not enough in town hall meetings, which revealed a monumental public discontent with the dismantling of "Obamacare" to those members who bothered to listen.

So Ryan's reform has slowed, even with President Trump backing it. This, even though the president campaigned on a promise that he'd repeal Obamacare and replace it with something less expensive, less complicated and less restrictive that would cover everybody. But Ryan's plan is just something less, period. And now the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says that while the federal deficit may diminish under Ryan's plan, 24 million fewer people will have health insurance 10 years from now.

That roils Democrats and mainstream Republicans and even conservative Republicans who recognize they'll have a hard time selling it back home.

Then there are the tea party Republicans, who'd like to abolish entitlement programs and certainly don't want tax credits for lower-income people of the kind in the Republican plan. Nothing Ryan does short of repeal without replacement will satisfy them.

And, though Trump is backing Ryan—the president would like a big "accomplishment" to go down during his first 100 days in office—Republicans know well that Trump is no conservative ideologue. His political philosophy bends in the notions of the moment. He may agree with Speaker Ryan today, but if public sentiment turns the other way, no one knows where Trump will be tomorrow.

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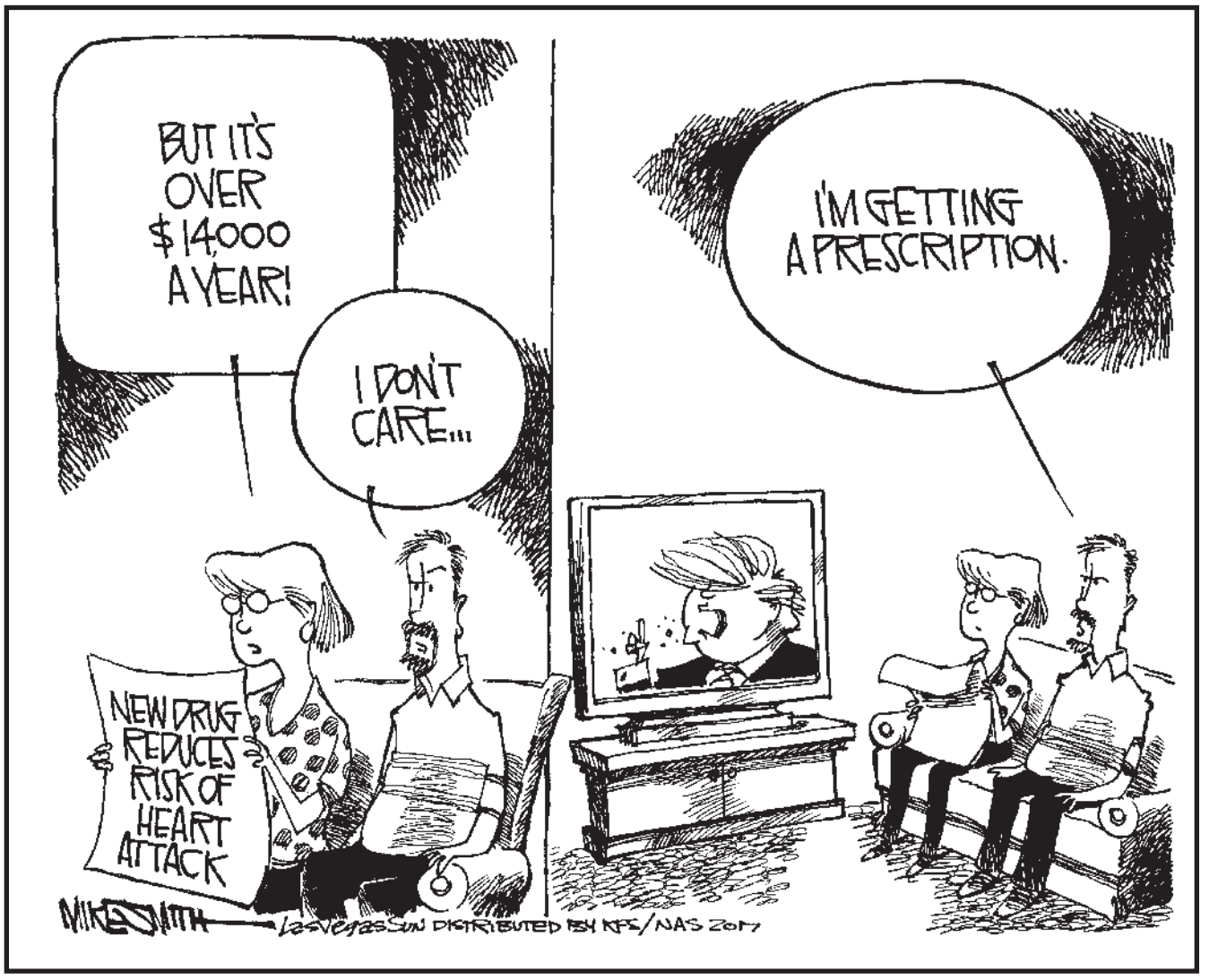
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Leave the Constitution alone

By DAVID A. SUPER
Los Angeles Times

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Our new political environment continually prompts the question "Is nothing sacred?" The grudging reverence people of both parties once felt for presidents is gone. Large segments of the electorate categorically deny the entire legitimacy of the last few presidential elections. Since November, there have been repeated attempts to get at President Trump by criticizing his 10-year-old son. In February, the president called the press the enemy of the people.

Yet perhaps the most shocking degradation has gone largely unnoticed. This week, Arizona joined the list of states willing to risk turning the United States Constitution—probably the nation's most important unifying force—into a political football. Arizona asked Congress to call the first constitutional convention since 1787.

Proponents claim they now have 30 states signed up for a "con con," just four short of the number they need. This involves some pretty funny math. Article V of the Constitution allows two-thirds of the states to come together to direct Congress to call a constitutional convention. Proponents, however, are trying to add 16 state resolutions from a failed convention effort decades ago to 14 resolutions passed over the last few years. With this Congress checking their homework, however, it may not matter.

The Arizona Senate previously voted down a con con resolution, but proponents successfully besieged the three Republican state senators who cast the decisive votes to protect our Constitution, flipping two of them. In some places, defense of the Constitution has been more robust: Idaho's overwhelmingly Republican Senate just resoundingly defeated a constitutional convention bill. At least a half dozen other states are seriously considering con con efforts.

With the nation barely a month into the experiment in "shaking things up" that is the Trump presidency, and polarization growing steadily worse, it is remarkable that anyone would think this is the right time to open up our most sacred civic document to the vicissitudes of a convention. Con con proponents solemnly insist, without a shred of legal or historical evidence, that such a convention could be limited to their single purpose: proposing a balanced budget amendment. Proponents also insist a convention would honor current rules requiring ratification of such an amendment by three-quarters of the states.

However, the only prior constitutional convention we have had, in 1787, almost immediately disregarded its charge to merely propose amendments to the Articles of Confederation—and scrapped the Articles' ratification requirement as well. It turned out OK—the Articles were replaced with the vastly superior Constitution. But the point is this: No one—not Congress, not the Supreme Court and certainly not the president—has any authority to rein in a runaway constitutional convention.

Given today's politics, who could be sure that nothing crazy would be successfully proposed, and quite possibly ratified?

Conventioneers could employ the age-old practice of logrolling to get their way—combining a conservative proposal (such as the balanced budget mandate) with a liberal one (such as gun control) into a single amendment—no matter how bad or messy the resulting law. Seven of our existing 27 amendments contain at least two quite different provisions.

And even if a con con didn't hijack the ratification process, a problematic amendment—the authority to suspend the First Amendment for national security reasons, say—could still linger indefinitely, only to get pushed over the top by a perceived national crisis or the rise of a demagogue. The 27th Amendment was ratified two centuries after being proposed to the states.

Romantics imagine that a constitutional convention would be a way of taking government back from the politicians. Yet the delegates are likely to be chosen by state legislators, who presumably would select themselves. The representatives you love to hate now—not Madison, Hamilton, Franklin and Washington—would get the chance to revamp the Constitution.

And if that doesn't scare you, consider what Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger pointed out in 1988: A convention would quickly be saturated in money from special interests seeking to lock their priorities into the Constitution for all time.

A constitutional convention also would circumvent one of the proudest democratic advances of the last century in America: one-person, one-vote. Without a precedent no one really knows how a convention would unfold, but proponents predict that each state would have an equal vote in whatever they got up to. That would be great for tiny Wyoming, but not so great for California or New York. Twenty-six states—enough for a majority at a

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This time, can eugenics be a force for good?

By ADAM COHEN
Los Angeles Times

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We entered a new phase as a species when Chinese scientists altered a human embryo to remove a potentially fatal blood disorder—not only from the baby, but all of its descendants. Researchers call this process "germline modification." The media likes the phrase "designer babies." But we should call it what it is, "eugenics." And we, the human race, need to decide whether or not we want to use it.

Last month, the scientific establishment weighed in. A National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Medicine joint committee endorsed embryo editing aimed at genes that cause serious diseases when there is "no reasonable alternative." But it was more wary of editing for "enhancement," like making already-healthy children stronger or taller. It recommended a public discussion, and said that doctors should "not proceed at this time."

The committee had good reason to urge caution. The history of eugenics is full of oppression and misery.

In the 20th century, eugenics was used by the powerful to demonize marginalized groups and to enact laws that prevented the "unfit" from having children. But the committee was also right to support limited embryo editing. This time around, eugenics could be a force for good.

"Eugenics" was coined by Francis Galton, a half-cousin of Charles Darwin, from the Greek words for "good" and "born." Galton argued that rather than rely on the chaotic process of evolution, humanity could take its future into its own hands by seeing to it that people with the best genes had the most children.

The early eugenicists were idealists—men such as Theodore Roosevelt and Alexander Graham Bell—who hoped to harness science to build a better world. It did not take long, however, for what Galton called his "virile creed, full of hopefulness" to turn into something darker.

Starting with Indiana in 1907, a majority of states enacted laws authorizing forced sterilization of the "feebleminded," a malleable category that included people who did poorly on primitive and wholly unreliable IQ tests. The laws also called for sterilizing people who were deaf, blind, sick or poor—all thought to be heritable conditions.

The Supreme Court weighed in strongly on the side of eugenics. In a now-infamous 1927 decision, it ruled that Virginia could sterilize Carrie Buck, a young woman falsely labeled feebleminded. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., writing for an 8-1 majority, called for more sterilizations to remove those who "sap the strength of the State."

Before the eugenic era ended, some 70,000 Americans would be forcibly sterilized—many of them, like Carrie Buck, perfectly healthy, both mentally and physically. Eugenics did far more harm in Nazi Germany, where 360,000 or more people were forcibly sterilized in the service of a warped racial ideology.

Given this track record, we should certainly debate human embryo editing and all of the new human-breeding discoveries yet to come. But we should also recognize that there is a crucial difference between the old eugenics and the new. Rather than demonizing "unfit" people and working to sterilize them, the new eugenics regards their inherited disabilities as treatable medical conditions and seeks to help them have healthy children.

Some of the biggest supporters of human-embryo editing today are people who carry genes for serious disorders like beta thalassemia, the disease the Chinese scientists were working on.

Jeff Carroll, a Western Washington University neuroscientist who inherited the mutation for Huntington's disease—which can cause people to lose bodily control and slowly go mad, like his mother did—has been outspoken in favor.

"I am saying, please, please do mess with our DNA," he told the MIT Technology Review.

What we have to think about more carefully is expanding the definition of "disability" to the point that parents are editing embryos to remove shortness, shyness or other qualities they may find undesirable. We could conclude, as a society, that parents can do as they wish. Or we might conclude that editing human embryos for "enhancements" of this kind is too close to the old eugenics—and that through parents' individual choices to design a "better" baby we run the risk of collectively trying to make ourselves into a master race. The point is that we need to figure out what we believe.

We must also guard against any attempt to make human-embryo editing mandatory. It is not, after all, such a great a leap from "you can have a genetically improved baby" to "you must have a genetically improved baby." At the same time, we will have to make sure that everyone has the option to use the new technologies. There would be serious equity concerns if genetic screening and therapies were only available to the well-off—and inherited diseases became the exclusive preserve of the poor.

Most sobering is the fact that edits to a human embryo can be passed on to future generations. Anything with the potential to change humanity forever must not be undertaken lightly.

As a practical matter, though, the genie is already out of the bottle, and it is unlikely we could stop embryo editing if we wanted to. New advances are coming rapidly, and gene editing is only becoming easier, faster and cheaper.

Again, that need not be a bad thing. Twentieth century eugenics has rightly been called a "war on the weak"—its goal was to stop people with conditions like Huntington's disease from reproducing. Twenty-first century eugenics can enable people with the Huntington's gene to have children without it. The new eugenics can be a war for the weak.

A leisurely drive down the wrong road

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Tribune News Service

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"We all want progress," C.S. Lewis wrote, "but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive."

This has always been one of my favorite distillations of conservatism. In principle, I still believe it, passionately.

Of course, whenever you read a sentence that begins "In principle," you should consider it a kind of magical conjuring, a rain dance that calls forth a thunderclapping "but" ...

But politics doesn't work this way.

For starters, we don't walk down this road as individuals, but as a very large group. And when we walk down the wrong road long enough, people in the troupe start to like it. They like the sound of the birds and the shape of the trees. They grow accustomed to the weather and the view. Those who said this was the right road don't want to admit they chose poorly or forfeit their roles as leaders. They insist the payoff is just around the corner.

Meanwhile, they add that road not taken was a bad one, with perils and horrors we cannot imagine. All bad things happen on the road not taken, they say. Why turn back with such wonderful things ahead?

This is the conservative, status-quo bias inherent to progressivism. (If you think there's nothing conservative about progressives, try telling a prosperous Manhattan leftist that we should get rid of rent control because it hurts the poor.)

In America, once an entitlement is created, it's extremely difficult to get rid of. It turns out that people like free things. And when they can't get stuff for free, they like to purchase it at way below true cost. The wrong road comes with amazing subsidies. The right road has a daunting tollbooth.

In principle, I would like to repeal and replace not just the warp and woof of Obamacare all at once, but considerable portions of the Great Society and the New Deal, too. No, I don't want the aged to suffer or the poor to languish (and if you think that's the motivation behind libertarian critiques of the corporatist-welfare state, you have a comic-book understanding of politics).

That is what I would like, in principle. But it's hard. But voters often don't want it. But entrenched interests will fight for their state-created fiefdoms with any weapon they can find. But the media will freak out like Roman senators being asked to make room in their chambers for Caligula's horse.

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan is in the worst position possible right now. He is a grown-up conservative. He understands both that we must get off the road we are on and that doing so is very, very hard. It's easy to shout, "We're going the wrong way!" It's another thing to convince the caravan to turn around.

Some of the critics of his plan to repeal and replace Obamacare have many good arguments on their side. The replacement bill certainly needs fixing. But other critics don't seem to care much about the legislative or policy details at all. They just want to see Ryan himself repealed and replaced with a more pliant nationalist.

Ryan surely would prefer a quick and total repeal of Obamacare. But he has to deal with the reality that Democrats will lay down on railroad tracks before they agree to change a comma in Obamacare, and he must deal with the byzantine rules of reconciliation.

He also has to deal with the fact that the president ran and was elected on a promise to leave entitlements untouched and to guarantee health coverage for everybody. Trump won by flipping many Obama voters to the GOP column. Obamacare is popular with this constituency. Trump has officially backed Ryan, but he doesn't seem bothered by the prospect of Ryan failing, so long as Ryan gets the blame.

Hence the bizarre argument on the right: the loudest voices for free-market purity on the health care side, with a president who often says he wants to stay on the road that Obamacare (and the New Deal and the Great Society) put us on. This makes more sense than it seems, because much of the Trumpified activist-right only knows how to denounce "the establishment," even when it is the establishment.

It's almost like some people would prefer to stay the course but be able to complain about it at the same time, like backseat drivers on the wrong road.

LEAVE

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convention—contain just 18 percent of the U.S. population. A revamped Constitution that small states imposed on large ones would be a festering source of discord.

If voters want more fiscal responsibility in Washington, they need to stop electing candidates who promise huge tax cuts for the wealthy and huge military spending increases without a whiff of an idea how to pay for them. (Whatever you may think of the Affordable Care Act, at least the Democrats paid for it.)

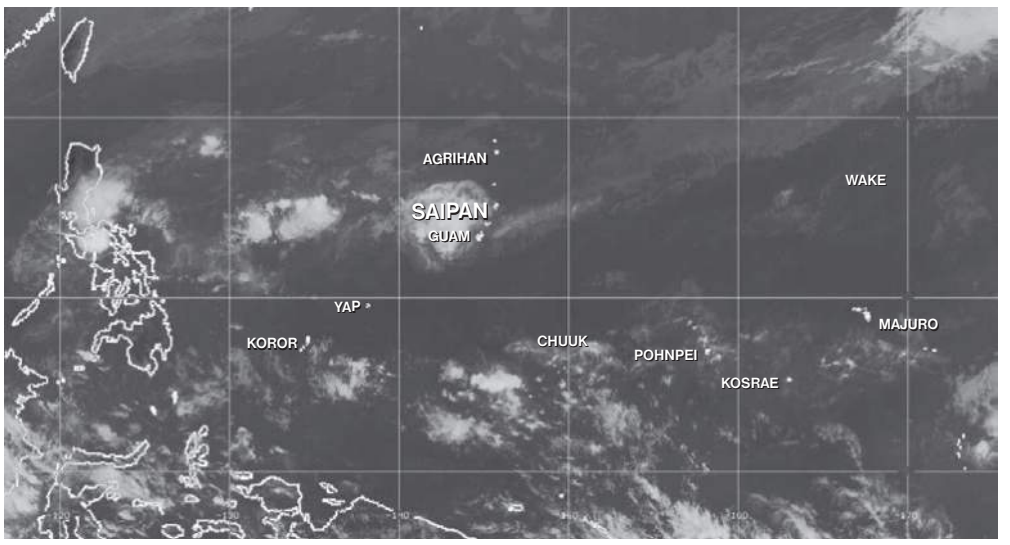
And don't bring up our duty to future generations: They may not like the national debt we'll probably bequeath them, but far better that than a ravaged Constitution.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86º ▼76º	▲86º ▼76º	▲88º ▼77º	▲88º ▼78º	▲88º ▼78º

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 5:37 AM, TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weakening shear line is still producing a lot of cloudiness across the Marianas, along with scattered showers. Most of the showers are light, but satellite shows a few heavier showers with colder and higher cloud tops moving across Guam, and a deeper convective cell developing rapidly just southwest of Rota. At the buoys, combined seas are 6 to 7 feet, and trade winds are still moderate to fresh. Winds have decreased to 15-20 kt in Tinian-Saipan waters, prompting the cancellation of the Small Craft Advisory. Wind will diminish to gentle by Wednesday, then settle into moderate at 10-15 kt the rest of the week. Seas will likewise subside, and should be 4-5 feet Wednesday night and Thursday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	86 | 78 °F
Palau	Overcast	88 | 77 °F
Yap	Rain	83 | 72 °F
Chuuk	Overcast	86 | 79 °F
Pohnpei	Rain	80 | 78 °F
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	80 | 79 °F
Majuro	Overcast	89 | 73 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	71 | 64 °F
Beijing	Clear	58 | 38 °F
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	84 | 72 °F
Honolulu	Clear	84 | 71 °F
London	Clear	51 | 42 °F
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	70 | 57 °F
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	85 | 76 °F
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	78 | 63 °F
Miami	Clear	78 | 59 °F
New York	Overcast	56 | 36 °F
Osaka	Rain	52 | 41 °F
Paris	Overcast	52 | 37 °F
Pusan	Clear	58 | 33 °F
Rome	Clear	65 | 46 °F
Salem	Light Rain	51 | 45 °F
San Francisco	Rain	62 | 56 °F
Seoul	Scattered Clouds	54 | 31 °F
Tokyo	Rain	51 | 43 °F
Washington, DC	Overcast	63 | 39 °F

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
4:06 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.53
9:20 AM	LOW TIDE	1.17
2:07 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.52
9:43 PM	LOW TIDE	0.21

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:19 AM	6:28 PM
Thursday	6:19 AM	6:28 PM
Friday	6:18 AM	6:28 PM
Saturday	6:17 AM	6:28 PM
Sunday	6:17 AM	6:28 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	1:32 AM	1:12 PM	-
Thursday	2:20 AM	2:03 PM	-
Friday	3:08 AM	2:56 PM	-
Saturday	3:55 AM	3:50 PM	-
Sunday	4:41 AM	4:45 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 1, 2017

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5

SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)

7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	5:45am	7:45am	4, 7
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UO43	1:40am	5:00am	1, 4, 6
HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ628/723	3:50am	12:50pm	Daily via ICN
PR1572/318	5:45am	12:20pm	4, 7 via MNL
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily
7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4

JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN

7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR1571	10:25pm	4:45am+1	3, 6
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ724/627	2:20pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
PR307/1571	6:20pm	4:45am+1	3, 6 via MNL
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
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2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

3RD MARIANAS HISTORY CONFERENCE

Call for historical papers

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council, University of Guam, Northern Marianas College, and Guampedia are calling for papers for the 3rd Marianas History Conference.

The conference will be held on Saipan on Sept. 1-3, 2017, at a venue to be announced later.

A full range of topics associated with the Marianas Archipelago's history will be addressed at the conference, with a particular focus on the conference's subtheme "Milestones in Marianas History."

■ Papers may be submitted under the following general categories: Ancient Chamorro History;

■ Early Colonial (17th – 18th centuries); Late Colonial (19th– early 20th centuries); World War II;

■ Recent (post-war); and Oral history and genealogical research.

The organizers also encourage student presentations. Paper abstracts with a maximum of 150 words and the presenter's biography may be submitted online via the following link: tinyurl.com/3rdMHC.

The deadline for abstracts is April 28, 2017. Conference presenters will be allotted 20 minutes to present with an additional 10 minutes for questions and discussion.

The conference will feature keynote presentations by Julian Aguon, Dr. Carlos Madrid, and Dr. Laura T. Souder. This event is free of charge and open to the public. For more information about the conference, contact council staff at 235-4785 or visit the council's website at: www.northernmarianashumanities.org. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SSHS report cards out today

Saipan Southern High School students and parents are being informed that report cards will be picked up in the Counseling and Records Office today, March 22, 2017, Wednesday, from 3pm to 6pm. ***(PR)***

Scheduled power outages on March 22, 23

There will be a scheduled power interruption today, March 22, 2017, from 9am to 1pm, to de-energize the primary lines to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to replace a rotted primary power pole in China Town, to strengthen and harden the integrity of the power distribution system throughout the island.

China Town will be affected (Executive Ct., Husga Av., President St., Ruler Ct., and Governor P1.).

Another scheduled power outage will take place tomorrow, March 23, 2017, from 9am to 1:30pm to allow the CUC line crew to safely replace four wooden power poles with concrete poles along Naftan Road in Dandan.

Areas to be affected: Naftan Road, Dandan (Hawaiian Rock Quarry and Guerrero residence). ***(CUC)***

Navy training at FDM, Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

■ March 21 from noon to 5:3pm

■ March 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 6pm

■ March 23 from 10 a.m. to 7:30pm

■ March 24 from 10 a.m. to 3:30pm

The Navy will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) on March 21-23 from noon to 10pm.

The public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. ***(PR)***

Bodybuilding contest on March 25

The 3rd Annual Marianas Muscle Bodybuilding & Physique Contest will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, starting at 3m at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Admission is $10 per person. There will be an entry fee of $15 per competitor.

Ursula Martin, who was expected to be present on March 25, 2017, will be unable to attend. However, the contest will still go on as scheduled. Registration for competitors is ongoing and registration forms may be obtained from Jocelyn Itibus (287-1232 or jocelynitibus@gmail.com), Karen Davis (789-9214 or karen.davis0812@gmail.com) or Jeanne Rayphand (287-9807 or jeanneesq@yahoo.com or NMPASI office). Admission tickets are also available. ***(PR)***

PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB SAIPAN

We are seeking for high energy individuals with a positive, can do attitude.
Pacific Islands Club, Saipan is inviting qualified, U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

(1) ACCOUNTING MANAGER
Minimum of five (5) years of relevant work experience plus three (3) years of supervisory experience, preferably in hospitality industry. A Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Finance from an accredited college or university is required. CPA certification is preferred; Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, Powerpoint) skills are required. Knowledge in using Opera System, MAS 90 system (General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Purchase Order, Inventory Management modules), Kronos Payroll System and Web Cash management system. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR
Minimum of five (5) years work experience with at least one (1) year of supervisory experience, preferably in hospitality. Degree in accounting is required; CPA preferred; Strong knowledge of Excel and Word and must be knowledgeable in using Opera System, MAS 90, Kronos Payroll System and Web Cash Management System. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) AIR CONDITIONING MECHANIC
Minimum of four (4) years of relevant work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) ASSISTANT PASTRY COOK
Minimum of two (2) years of related experience with bread making, pastry making and cake decorating. Must have previous experience in high volume production including large banquets, functions and special events. High School Diploma or higher is required. Must be able to work early mornings, nights, weekends and holidays.

(1) ASSISTANT FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER
Minimum of five (5) years restaurant and/or hotel food and beverage experience required. Minimum of three (3) years of Banquet leadership role required. An Associate's Degree or higher or equivalency related to hotel food and beverage. Will manage all service aspects of food and beverage functions in accordance with the policies of the hotel. Must be able to make right decisions to ensure guests satisfaction and judge employee performance and standards. Excellent written and oral communication skills are necessary. Must be knowledgeable of banquet set-ups, policies and procedures. Must have experience in budgeting and managing banquet operations. Must be able to successfully coordinate staff and resources in high volume, time sensitive environment. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(2) ASSISTANT RESTAURANT MANAGER
Minimum of five (5) years restaurant and/or hotel food and beverage experience required, plus have a minimum of three (3) years of experience working in a supervisory role in Food & Beverage. Proficient with the use of Microsoft Office and the use of Micros point-of-sale systems. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(2) BAKER
Minimum of three (3) years of related work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) BARTENDER
Minimum one (1) year of related work experience; Must be at least 21 years old. Ability to speak Chinese, Korean, Russian or Japanese is preferred. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) BEVERAGE SUPERVISOR
Minimum of five (5) years of bartender experience, with at least one (1) year of supervisory experience in a similar role. Must be at least 21 years old. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) BUILDING MAINTENANCE
Minimum of three (3) years related work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(4) CARPENTER
Minimum of three (3) years work experience as a cabinet maker and finishing carpenter. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING
Minimum of ten (10) years of Engineering industry experience managing diesel operation and repairs for a hotel plus five (5) years management experience is required. A Bachelor's degree in Engineering is required. Must possess technical knowledge and experience on 3516 and 3512 Caterpillar Generators, 85 KW aqua design desalination plants, chiller systems, pumps, filtration systems for swimming pools and reverse osmosis systems are required. Must be certified Reserve Osmosis (RO) Operator Level 2 in water treatment and Level 1 in water distribution system. Must have knowledge and experience in handling Diesel Plants and Reserve Osmosis (RO) Operations. Must have technical knowledge and experience on SMARDT Oil less and Screw type Chillers System. Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to support a 24hour business. Proficient and knowledgeable in the use of Microsoft Office (word and excel). Must be able to work in a flexible schedule which includes early mornings, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) ELECTRONIC TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR (SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES DEPT.)
Minimum of five (5) years of proven experience in the electrical/electronic fields and the ability to demonstrate high proficiency in these areas is required. A thorough knowledge of electrical / electronic components and equipment including the use of special instruments for diagnostic purposes is required. Skill-level requirements vary from troubleshooting to board- or component-level repair. Willing to work any shift and overtime as required. Applicants must be versed in all aspects of the "Clubmate" position. Strong communication, interpersonal and customer service skills are essential. The position requires the ability to work under pressure and time constraints. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

(1) ELECTRICIAN
Minimum of five (5) years related work experience. Must be able to work shifts, weekends and holidays.

(6) FOOD & BEVERAGE SUPERVISOR
Must have at least three (3) years related work experience in Food & Beverage service, two (2) years of supervisory experience, plus one (1) year relevant work experience in coordinating events; Supervises employees engaged in serving foods in restaurants and maintaining cleanliness of food service areas and equipment; must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(2) FOOD SERVER CAPTAIN
Minimum of 18 months related work experience required. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) GUEST RELATIONS
Minimum of one (1) year hospitality experience. Must have the ability to solve guest concerns and cash handling. Must be able to speak, read and write in English and one or more of the following languages: Korean, Russian, Japanese or Chinese. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(1) GUEST SERVICE SUPERVISOR
Minimum of two (2) years supervisory experience plus experience driving large passenger vehicles are required. Must be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid CNMI driver's license, and pass a medical exam and substance abuse test. Must provide a traffic clearance with application. Must be able to work graveyard shifts, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(3) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR - ROOMS
Minimum of two (2) years housekeeping supervisor experience required (minimum 300-room hotel). Motivated self-starter with the ability to clean rooms as required. Responsible for checking up to 70 rooms per shift. Must have the ability to bend, lift, carry & move items weighing 50 pounds. Must be able to stand for long excess hours. Must be able to work graveyard shifts, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER
Minimum of five (5) years of I.T. industry experience and Bachelor's degree in IT related field required. Thorough knowledge of all software and hardware is required, this includes all Microsoft Windows desktop and Server Operating Systems, Microsoft application support, Opera System, SQL 2008 administration skills, Symantec Product experience with Ghost, ACT! And corporate anti-virus software, Access database, Crystal Report XI and report design skills with IIS, ASP and HTML Skills. Linux skills and Active Directory experience is highly desirable. Experience in the use of electronic mail (mail relays, spam filters and mail integrity) and Internet protocols (e.g. TCP/IP, PPP and IMAP). Sound knowledge of routers, firewalls, network security, network configuration and construction, switches and fiber is required. Applicant should have in depth knowledge of VPN, VPN encryption, PC and server hardware, new PC and server installations, configuration and support of IP Phone Systems, System backups and general network administration. A+, Network +, and/or MCP certification are also highly desirable. Should be knowledgeable in utilizing a hotel database. Must have a thorough working knowledge of web programming and systems analysis. Must have general management ability as well as specific knowledge of the company's computer/network systems. Must be able to communicate with all department heads in the company that require computer and network systems. Must be able to translate the requirements of each department into a workable computer operation. Must keep up with new developments in computers, Networking and (VOIP) voice over IP equipment. Must have excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to support a 24hr business.

(1) LANDSCAPING SUPERVISOR
Minimum of two (2) years of related work experience in a similar role working at a hotel plus two (2) years of supervisory experience in a similar role. A High School diploma or higher is required. Must be able to utilize or operate landscaping tools and equipment. Previous experience in executing landscaping-related project is required. Must be able to work in a flexible schedule which includes early mornings, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) NIGHT AUDITOR
Minimum of five (5) years of relevant work experience and academic background with major in Accounting Business knowledge on the basic functions of debits and credits. Knowledge on hotel-related systems particularly on front-office systems and point-of-sale systems of the hotel industry. Strong knowledge of Excel and must be knowledgeable in using Opera System and Micros System; Familiarity on how the hotel settlement system works (cash, room charge, credit card transaction or similar). Must be able to work from 11:00pm to 7:00am; May involve shift work, including working on weekends and holidays.

(1) PAINTER
Minimum of three (3) years related work experience as a painter. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(3) PASTRY COOK
Minimum of two (2) years of relevant work experience working in pastry for a hotel. Associate's degree in Culinary Arts. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(2) PLUMBER
Minimum of five (5) years related work experience; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) POOL MAINTENANCE
Minimum of two (2) years related work experience. Previous HAZMAT training preferred. Shift begins at 2:00 a.m. daily. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(1) POOL MAINTENANCE CAPTAIN
Minimum of two (2) years related work experience working at a hotel in a similar role is required. A High School diploma or higher is required. Previous HAZMAT training is preferred. Shift begins at 2:00 a.m. daily. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(4) POWERHOUSE OPERATOR
Minimum of three (3) years related work experience. Certified Water Treatment & Distribution operator preferred. Must be a certified Class A/B UST operator. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(3) ROOM ATTENDANT
Minimum of one (1) year of experience as a room attendant for a hotel. Motivated, self-starter responsible for cleaning up to 18 rooms per shift. Must have the ability to bend, lift, carry & move items weighing 50 pounds. Must be able to stand for long excessive hours. Must be able to work graveyard shifts, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) RESTAURANT MANAGER
Minimum of five (5) years restaurant and/or hotel food and beverage experience required. Minimum of two (2) years previous F&B Leadership experience required. Minimum of two (2) years of Banquet leadership role required. Previous experience in a first-class, medium to large resort preferred. This position monitors the daily operations of each restaurant function to ensure a positive guest experience and will profitably manage the overall operations of the restaurants. Will manage all service aspects of food and beverage functions in accordance with the policies of the hotel. Excellent written and oral communication skills are necessary. Must be knowledgeable of banquet set-ups, policies and procedures. Must have experience in budgeting and managing banquet operations. Must be able to successfully coordinate staff and resources in high volume, time sensitive environment. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holiday.

(1) SALES MANAGER - KOREAN MARKET
Minimum of three (3) years of hotel industry experience, plus one (1) year of Korean Market sales management experience. Must be proficient in speaking, reading and writing the English and Korean languages, and be proficient with the use of Microsoft Office. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(4) TEPPANYAKI COOK
Minimum of five (5) years of related work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

Applications must be received by 5:00pm on Monday, March 27th, 2017.
PIC applications are available at the PIC Security Desk by the Loading Dock/Employee Entrance. Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted or considered.
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FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following vacant position:

(16) Housekeeping Cleaner
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent. 3 months prior cleaning experience in a large volume hotel or large building complex such as hospital is preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to stand on feet for long periods of time and must be able to lift and carry up to 30 pounds. Must have attention to detail working within the minimum time is essential. Must be able to work flexible hours including weekends, nights, early morning hours and holidays.

(5) General Maintenance Worker
Qualification: 2 years experience as a general maintenance worker performing routine preventative maintenance is required. Must be able to repair or replace defective equipment parts is essential. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds. Able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

(5) Supervisor, Guest Relations
Qualification: 2 years experience in front office in a supervisory capacity and preferably from a full service hotel/resort. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to ensure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be proficient in computer software applications, strong customer service and time management skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

(12) Wait Staff
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent. Must have ability to calculate figures, volumes and mathematical conversions. Ability to respond to common inquiries complaints from customers. Ability to write and speak clearly and effectively. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

(2) Demi Chef
Qualification: 2 years experience as a demi chef in a high volume hotel or restaurant is required. Organized and able to work in a fast paced, high pressure situation is important. Must be able to lift up to 35 pounds. Must be willing to work flexible schedules including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

(1) Accountant – Accounts Payable
Qualification: 4 years progressive experience in this field and preferably from a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets, knowledge with accounting software in particular SAP, R3, and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays as required.

(1) Accountant – Accounts Receivable
Qualification: 4 years progressive experience in this field and preferably from a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets, knowledge with accounting software in particular SAP, R3, and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays as required.

(1) Accountant – Cost
Qualification: 4 years progressive experience in this field and preferably from a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets, knowledge with accounting software in particular SAP, R3, and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays as required.

(2) Manager, Front Office
Qualification: Preferably a college graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Hospitality or Tourism Management; a minimum of 2 years work experience as Front Office Supervisor in a hotel of significant volume. Ability to read, analyze and interpret journals, financial reports and legal documents. Ability to write letters, memorandums or conceptualizing hotel's objectives. Ability to effectively present information to top management and employees, in groups or individually. Ability to speak, write and read in the English language fluently. Fluency in Japanese is an advantage. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions. Comprehensive knowledge of business management, financial reporting and productivity requirements; Proficient in Microsoft Office program and Fidelio System software. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends and holidays.

Assistant Sales Manager, Korean Market (2)
Qualification: Must have 2 years working experience in sales in the hotel industry at a management level is required and preferably from a full service hotel. Strong knowledge of property management system Fidelio. Possess the ability to think strategically, inductively and creatively. Must have the ability to travel as requested Must be fluent in Korean. Willing to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays.

Baker (1)
Qualification: 2 years experience in creating breads and other baked goods such as cakes, pies and other pastries. Strong math skills, detailed oriented. Familiar with baking equipment. Excellent stamina, ability to stand for long periods and can lift and carry up to 35 pounds easily without any assistance. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays.

Cook (7)
Qualification: 3 years experience as a cook in international cuisine is required and preferably from a full service hotel or a high volume restaurant. Must have problem solving skills, be self-motivated and organized. Must be able to work under pressure and adaptable to last minute work preparation. Able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Director of Food & Beverage (1)
Qualification: 4 years progressive responsibility in food & beverage in management level is required and preferably from a full service hotel or high volume restaurant. Solid time management , organization and prioritization skills are essential. Experienced in resolving customer issues/complaints as well as overall compliance of all health regulations for food preparation. Proven ability to effectively build and foster a team environment and make decisions in a fast paced environment. Proficient with computer software applications. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Director of Sales & Marketing (1)
Qualification: Bachelor's Degree in Sales & Marketing or Business preferred with a minimum of 6 years related experience with progressive managerial experience. Demonstrated in-depth sales and marketing techniques and financial principles. Fluency in Japanese language is essential. Able to travel off-island occasionally to attend sales meeting as necessary. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including holidays and weekends.

Electrician (2)
Qualification: 5 years work experience in industrial, commercial and residential building electrical works. Must know how to understand electrical plan. Must be a team player. Must be able to work without supervision. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights, early morning hours and holidays.

E-System Analyst (1)
Qualification: Employees in these occupations usually need several years of work-related experience, on-the-job training and/or vocational training. Must have knowledge on computer software including applications and programming. Must be able to work independently or with very little supervision. Must have attention to detail. Able to work a flexible schedule including week-ends and holidays.

Laundry Attendant (3)
Qualification: Employees in these occupations need anywhere from a few months to one year of working with experienced employees. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations. Experience as a laundry worker is required, preferably from a full service hotel or establishment such as hospital. Must be able to lift and carry 35 pounds. Must be able to stand on feet throughout work shift. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, back-to-back, nights and holidays. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential.

Bartender/Wait Staff (2)
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent with 1 year of working with experienced employees in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including weekends, nights and holidays.

Accounting Manager (1)
Qualification: A minimum of Bachelor's degree with an emphasis in accounting. 5 Years experience in the area of financial statement preparation, budgeting, payroll, purchasing, accounts payable and accounts receivable or the equivalent. Experience working with an automated financial management system. Knowledge and ability in the use of personal computer and software applications particularly SAP R3, FICO. Strong organizational and analytical skills and the ability to maintain detailed records, ability to work effectively under pressure. Able to communicate both oral and written. Must be able to work a varied schedule including holidays and weekends when required. The applicant must successfully complete a background check.

Restaurant Manager (1)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a restaurant manager in a full service hotel or high volume restaurant is required. Strong communication, interpersonal and customer service skills are essential. Good problem solving and organizational skills are needed. Requires the ability to work under pressure and time constraints. Ability to speak Japanese, Korean or Mandarin Chinese is preferred. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights and holidays.

Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualification: 3 years of skilled and increasingly responsible experience in building construction or maintenance work of which at least 2 years shall have been in management level. Knowledge of tools, materials, working practices and methods of the building trades, materials, equipment, working procedures and methods required in a hotel property and grounds maintenance program, and in the repair and minor construction of hotel facilities, landscaping, plant propagation, soils, insecticides and gardening tools, laws affecting the maintenance, repair and construction of hotel facility principles of supervision, training and management. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights and holidays.

IT Manager (1)
Qualification: Bachelor's degree in computer science or equivalent education and experience. Knowledge of website technologies. 2-4 years progressive IT experience in management level including experience in multi-office environment. Demonstrated ability to lead a team of technical staff to work with the executive management of an organization and to manage multiple concurrent projects. Excellent communication skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights and holidays.

Mason (1)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a mason is required. Exhibit a personality that demonstrates interpersonal skills to internal customers. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Painter (1)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a painter is required.. Must have an eye for detail and good judgment. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Plumber (2)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a plumber is required. Knowledge of the tools, equipment and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather and able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Senior Supervisor, Food & Beverage (2)
Qualification: 4 years progressive work experience at a supervisory/managerial capacity in food & beverage from a high volume restaurant or hotel is required. Excellent customer service skills, organizational and communication skills are essential. Knowledge with health, fire and sanitation regulations.

Supervisor, Accounts Receivable (1)
Qualification: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting, preferably 2 years work experience within the field and in a supervisory level is required. Progressive experience in accounts receivable operations and preferably in a full service hotel. Proficient in SAP, Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends and holidays.

Supervisor, Food & Beverage (3)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a supervisor in food & beverage in a full service hotel or high volume restaurant is required. Must be able to work flexible hours including weekdays, nights, early morning hours and holidays. Strong customer service skills and is able to work under extreme pressure. Strong knowledge of sanitation policies and regulations.

Supervisor, General Accounting (2)
Qualification: College graduate. Bachelor's Degree in Business administration, major in accounting preferred. 4 years progressive work experience as an accountant in supervisory level. Must be computer literate and proficient in accounting software application particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Must have strong organizational skills and is a team player. Must be able to work under pressure and time constraints. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Supervisor, Guest Relations (5)
Qualification: 2 years experience in Front Office in a supervisory capacity is required and preferably from a full service hotel/resort. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to ensure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Strong customer service and time management skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Supervisor, Housekeeping (5)
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent. Two years of supervisory/managerial capacity in a full service hotel, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry.

Supervisor, Landscaping (1)
Qualification: High School diploma or equivalent. 2 years work experience as a landscaper in a supervisory level is required. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including weekends, and holidays. Must be able to lift/carry up to 35 pounds with any assistance.

Supervisor, Mechanical (1)
Qualification: Most occupations in this zone require training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree, AND one or two years of mechanical engineering or related and/or education from which comparable knowledge skills, abilities have been achieved. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends or holidays.

Supervisor, Purchasing (1)
Qualification: Any combination of education and experience that has provided the knowledge skills and abilities necessary for a purchasing supervisor. 2 years of professional purchasing experience including 1 year in supervisory capacity is required and preferably from a full service hotel. Able to work under pressure and time line must. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays when necessary.

Supervisor, Steward (2)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a steward in supervisory level. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Have strong knowledge on health and sanitation procedure and implementation. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(1) Carpenter
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent. 2 years carpentry experience; or any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills, and abilities have been achieved. Incumbents in this classification are exposed to restricted and intense noise inherent to carpentry positions. Incumbent must lift and carry heavy objects.

(1) Supervisor, Carpentry
Qualification: 2 years work experience in this field in a supervisory level is required and preferably from a full service hotel or large building complex. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays. Must be able to lift and carry heavy objects up to 35 pounds.

(1) Executive Chef
Qualifications: Responsible for all food purchase specifications and recipes including that used for restaurants, banquet functions and other outlets. Develop and monitor food and labor budget for the department. Interview, select, train, supervise, counsel and discipline all employees in the department. Maintain highest professional food quality and sanitation standards.
2 years previous experience as executive chef in a high volume hotel or large restaurant. Strong interpersonal , communication and organizational skills are essential.

(3) Tailor/Seamstress
Qualifications: Minimum of three (3) years work experience as a tailor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) Supervisor, Painter
Two (2) years work experience as Painter Supervisor is required. Skilled in applying paints and other finishes with spray machines and in the use of all tools of the painting trade, proficient in estimating materials and labor requirements. Working conditions are considered acceptable, but involve exposure to outside weather, standing on ladders and scaffolds. Alertness and careful attention is required to avoid injury to self and to others

(1) IT Technical Assistant
Advanced experience in the configuration, installation repair and troubleshooting of computer hardware, network switches, network line connection, routers, Ruckus A/P, phone lines, phone units and other computer peripherals. Advanced experience in networking phone system and security camera. Advanced experience with desktop operating systems and MS applications. Advanced experience with skills in problem identification and problem resolution techniques. Ability to prioritize tasks with long term projects and work in a fast paced environment with minimum supervision, knowledge in property management POS, PBX system, web application, and SAP, must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends holidays and overtime if necessary. Working conditions involve lifting and transporting moderately heavy objects such as computers and peripherals.

(1) Painter
Qualification: 2 years experience as a painter is required.. Must have an eye for detail and good judgment. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Applications may be picked up and submitted at our security office located on the south wing, ground floor. Dead-line for submission of application to be considered is March 24, 2017.

About 3 more buses eyed for Saipan transpo system

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said they are hoping to add three more buses that would be used for the CNMI's first public transportation system. The bus is for Saipan's use.

The system aims to encourage the public to use the new mode of transportation to get around the island in order to ease the worsening traffic conditions.

The number of cars on Saipan has increased while no new roads have been built. Long lines of cars have become a common sight, especially in schools in the morning and afternoon when students are being dropped off or picked up.

Traffic also occurs after office hours, with Beach Road going to Garapan the most common place where it happens. Traffic on Saipan used to happen only if there's an accident, school buses are picking up and dropping off students in designated bus shelters, and funeral processions.

Torres said he met with Commonwealth of Office Transport executive director Alfreda Camacho to discuss the issue. "We already have one bus here and what we're trying to do is to have a dry run of the route either the end of the month or early April."

"We're working on getting more buses. Maybe, at least two or three more for the public," said Torres, who is hoping the new transportation system would encourage people to commute.

The bus, which cost $344,293 and funded by the Department of the Interior, would take the Garapan-Middle Road-Northern Marianas College-Koblerville-Beach Road route.

"I also just spoke to COTA and we're trying to inspect the bus first. We're going to take a look at the route and do a dry run. [COTA's] also going to set up the bus stops first. Then we're going to have a formal launching," said Torres.

The planned bus route will start at the Commonwealth Health Center and go south on Middle Road toward As Terlaje Hill at the Northern Marianas College. The bus would continue to Shell Dandan, turn right to As Lito and to Han Nam Road in Koblerville and work its way to Beach Road all the way to the front of the Hyatt Regency Saipan and back to the hospital.

Converting the Garapan business and tourist district into a one-way road, constructing a roundabout, and installing stoplights are some of the other ideas being considered.

Traffic incidents, from accidents to different violations, have also increased with the high volume of vehicles on the road. ***(Jon Perez)***

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to limit hiring to qualified US workers, as restricted by CNMI law, and that equal opportunity be given to all qualified US worker applicants regardless of age, sex or sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political status, veterans status, disability or place of origin.

Opening Date: 03/20/17
Closing Date: 04/03/17*
JVA#17-003: Community Projects Coordinator II
Annual Salary: $25,791.92 - $27,081.51**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#17-004: Marketing Specialist I
Annual Salary: $23,394.02 - $24,563.73**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#17-007: Administrative Assistant
Annual Salary: $18,329.83 - $25,791.92**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

*If not filled, the vacancy announcement will be continued and applications will be reviewed every two weeks thereafter until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day.

** The salary given will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.

Interested persons may contact the Marianas Visitors Authority Office at (670) 664-3200/01 for more detailed information on position description. A completed application must be submitted together with the required documents for consideration until search is closed. A resume may be attached, but the application form must be filled out in full. MVA is an equal opportunity employer.

Kanoa Resort Saipan is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Front Office Manager (1)
Qualifications: Preferably a college graduate with a Bachelor degree in Hospitality or Tourism Management; a minimum of two years work experience as Front Office Supervisor in a hotel of significant volume. Ability to read, analyze and interpret journals, financial reports and legal documents. Ability to write letters, memorandums or conceptualizing hotel's objectives. Ability to effectively present information to top management and employees, in groups or individually. Ability to speak, write and read in the English language fluently. Fluency in Japanese is an advantage. Ability to calculate figures and amounts such as discounts, commissions, proportions, percentages, area, circumstances, and volume, and analyze such information. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions. Comprehensive knowledge of business management, financial reporting and productivity requirements; Proficient in Microsoft Office program and Fidelio System software. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings holidays and/or weekends.

Electrician (1)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum of five (5) years work experience required. Provide access for future maintenance and avoid unreliable wiring, consistent with verification and electrical codes, and other related duties as assigned. Capable of reading schematic diagram, and electrical symbols, knowledgeable on industrial electricity, circuit breakers, switches and controls. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Landscaper (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) to three (3) years previous work experience. Cultivates and cares for ornamental plants and installs floral displays indoor or outdoor settings through performance of any combination of following duties as directed by supervisory personnel. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

Sous Chef (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma; a graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. Must have at least four (4) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Supervising-chef assistant Supervises and coordinates activities of cooks and other workers engaged in preparing and cooking foodstuffs. Assumes responsibility for kitchen in absence of EXECUTIVE CHEF. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

International Cook (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma; graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. At least three (3) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Must be able to prepare, season, and cook a wide range of international dishes such as soups, meats, vegetables, salads, entrees, and desserts in the Resort. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Baker (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. At least two (2) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Demi Chef (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent, or postsecondary instruction from vocational schools. Minimum of four (4) years work experience as a Demi-Chef preferably in hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Cafeteria Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or GED certificate. Little or no previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed for these occupations. Must facilitate food service. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic/Technician (1)
Qualifications: Require post-secondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges that offer programs in air-conditioning and refrigeration or and associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or two (2) to four (4) years of experience. Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Powerhouse Mechanic (Power Plant) (1)
Qualifications: Require postsecondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges, and/or associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or 2 to 4 years of experience. Perform routine maintenance or make repairs to mechanical, electrical, or electronic equipment in power plants. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Pool Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High School graduate with at least two (2) years work experience as a Pool Attendant. Knowledgeable on some sports and in organizing group activities. Must be knowledgeable with the use of chemicals for the pool. Certified CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard. Willing to work a variable schedule on occasion, including weekends.

General Maintenance Worker (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Income Auditor Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: A bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field. Minimum of five (5) years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Examine and analyze accounting records to determine financial status of establishment and prepare financial reports concerning operating procedures. Must also have experience with inventories to include, but not limited to F&B, Dry goods and Housekeeping cleaning and guest supplies. Willing to work a variable schedule on occasion, including weekends.

Housekeeping Cleaner (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum 6 months work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Tailor/Seamstress (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of three (3) years work experience as a tailor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Housekeeping Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum of two (2) years work experience at a supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends..

IT Tech Support Manager (1)
Qualifications: Any combination of education and training equivalent to possession of a bachelor's degree in computer science, information engineering, computer associates or other related areas. Must have at least five (5) years working experience. Experience in all areas of local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, implementation, and user support. Experience installing and supporting Microsoft server technologies. Working knowledge of local and wide area networks (LAN/WAN), Internet, e-mail systems, telecommunications and data communications, standard operating systems, software packages, and software. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Night Auditor (2)
Qualifications: College Diploma or Equivalent certificate, in a hotel or resort. Must have at least two (2) years experience in hotel internal auditing. Must be willing to work flexible night duty/graveyard schedule, weekends, holidays and extended work hours. Understanding of business processes and work flow design. Strong financial analytical background and must be knowledgeable on Microsoft office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Also responsible in handling of company general funds. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work as assignments and/or changes in priorities. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Wait Staff (5)
Qualifications: High school diploma/GED. At least 6 months serving experience required or 6 months current hosting experience. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Wait Staff (Banquet) (2)
Qualifications: High school diploma/GED. At least one (1) years experience required in banquet and/or related field. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Food and Beverage Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent or training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree. Minimum two (2) years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in preparing and serving. Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Cook (2)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with three (3) years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Maintenance Coordinator (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Requires one or two years of satisfactory performance as a Maintenance Coordinator; or any combination of related education and experience in the assigned area; or up to four (4) years of college courses in civil engineering, construction management or related field. Ability to interpret and administer contracts for construction, and/or operational services. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Room Reservations Manager (1)
Qualifications: College or university Diploma in Hospitality or Tourism Management; minimum of two years related experience as Front Office Manager, Executive Housekeeping Manager or Sales Manager in a hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of business need, financial reporting and productivity requirements. Proficient in Microsoft Office Program and Property Management System. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

Housekeeping Manager (1)
Qualifications: At least 5 years of progressive experience in a hotel or a related field; or a 2-year college degree and 3 or more years of related experience; or a 4-year college degree and at least 1 year of related experience. Supervisory experience required. Must be proficient in Windows operating systems. Excellent communication skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights and holidays.

Facilities and Repair Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in related field or five years facilities and repair management experience in a manufacturing environment. Responsible for Rooms Preventative Maintenance Schedule, Building Repair and Maintenance, Landscaping and Gardening, Banquet, Restaurant and Kitchen Repair and Maintenance, Public Area Repair and Maintenance, Swimming Pool Repair and Maintenance, Concessionaires Repair and Maintenance, set up of banquet requirement and others. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

Power Plant Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in related field or five years management experience in a power plant environment. Responsible for production, maintenance, quality and other production-related activities. In charge of Power Plants, Reverse Osmosis Plants, Back Up Power Generators, Chillers (Air Con) Operations, Sewerage System operations, Electrical Switch Gears operations, Water Pumps operations, Boilers/Hot Water Operation, energy consumption readings and recording, and others. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

General Manager (1)
Qualifications: Ideally with a degree or diploma in Hospitality, Tourism or Business Management with a minimum of ten years management experience in the Front Office, Housekeeping or Sales & Marketing of a Hotel or Resort of significant volume and preferably and with at least 3 years of experience in an executive or senior management level capacity. Must be able to lead a management team, develop and execute strategic business plans that define profitability objectives, operational/product goals, guest loyalty and satisfaction and team member engagement objectives. Must possess exceptional customer service and interpersonal skills. Must have excellent oral and written communication skills. Planning, problem-solving and financial reporting skills are essential. The successful candidate will be responsible for the overall management of the Resort, ensuring that it runs in a smooth and efficient manner with maximum efficiency, profitability, consistent high service levels while providing the best possible guest experience.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applicants must be submitted not later than March 27, 2017. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Kanoa Resort is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Management Accountant (2)
College degree with accounting or financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in analyzing, interpreting and providing sound financial information. Must be adept in monthly financial statement preparation and consolidation, cash flow forecasting, budgeting, and providing financial projections. Must have excellent communication, organizational and self-management skills. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft Excel, Power Point and Project. CPA not required.

Building Cleaner (4)
High School Diploma or equivalent. Must have at least 3 years working experience. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Important qualities: detailed oriented, responsible. Interpersonal skills. Must get along well with people they provide services for and must be polite and friendly. Physical stamina. Must be able to spend many hours on their feet scrubbing, bending, stooping, and stretching and must be able to lift or move up to 50 pounds. Must be able to work flexible hours and days

Accountant (4)
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Business Development Manager (1)
Graduate of a 4-year degree course with an Accounting or Financial Management major and at least 5 years of progressive financial and business management experience. Minimum of 3 years general management experience preferably in a financing or banking institution. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software and Microsoft software. Should possess a solid track record of accomplishing business objectives.

Accounting Manager (1)
College degree with financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software.

Accounting Supervisor (1)
A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a focus in accounting and/or finance. 2-3 years of progressive responsibility supervising a minimum of 3 associates. CPA/CPA candidate a plus. Audit experience also preferred. Must have knowledge with the use of SAP R3 FICO System and SAP Fixed Asset Module. Microsoft Office proficiency with advanced knowledge of Excel is a must.

Administrative Assistant (2)
Associate's Degree with 2 years experience of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records. Must be proficient in typing and good at written and oral communication. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

Messenger (2)
High school graduate. Must be able to keep track of multiple documents and itemize. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Good oral and written communication skills and good driving skills are required. Must provide and maintain own vehicle for work and have a valid driver's license. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

Administrative Assistant for Sports Facilities (4)
High school diploma or GED Certificate plus experience working in sports organization or sports facilities. Must be computer literate: Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Applicant must have good written and oral communication skills. Can work flexible hours and available on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Air conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic (2)
Associate's Degree or Vocational School graduate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning and refrigerating systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have his/her own reliable transportation and must be able to work flexible hours.

HR & Administrative Assistant (1)
Associate's Degree. Must have knowledge of principles and procedures for personnel recruitment, selection, benefits and personnel information systems. Ability to work in confidential related matters, self-directed and be able to multi-task in a fast paced environment. With a minimum of 2 years work experience in an administrative role and accounting experience. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

Electrician (1)
High school diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, maintaining, and/or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Must have knowledge of electrical codes, intercom and electrical control systems. Must be able to work flexible hours.

General Maintenance Worker (11)
High school diploma or equivalent with at least 3 years experience especially in equipment and appliance repair. Must have some basic knowledge and troubleshooting experience in plumbing and electrical systems, masonry, carpentry, and other cleaning and general maintenance work inside and outside facilities. Must be able to lift and move heavy supplies and objects. Must be willing to work flexible hours.

Network Administration Manager (1)
Associate's degree in any computer science, information engineering or other computer technology related areas. Must have at least 5 years of sound experience in local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, planning, designing, implementation, and user support. Must have knowledge in MS Exchange Email Server.

Engineering Manager (1)
Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with at least 5 years of progressive management experience. Ability to successfully develop, implement and manage projects including the ability to provide effective leadership is a must. Adeptness in cost estimation and knowledge of quality control and federal regulations in environmental and occupational safety hazards is required. The duties of this job require constant outside travel and exposure to outside weather conditions. Must be able to provide his/her own transportation and must have a valid driver's license.

Sales Officer (1)
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Must be able to prepare management and sales reports and is proficient in various MS office software operations. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Legal Secretary (2)
Associates degree and at least 2 years work related experience in a legal office. Proficient in case and document management software, Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook. Familiar in preparation and filing of pleadings and legal documents.

Corporate Paralegal Officer (1)
Bachelor's degree in paralegal studies or in any related field. Minimum of 3 years experience providing sound legal research, reliable litigation support and preparation of legal documents, pleadings and contracts. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Familiarity with Lexis - Nexis and Pacer - ECF is required.

IT Manager (1)
College degree with a major in computer science, computer technology or information engineering or other related areas is required. At least 5 years of progressive management experience and 8 years of sound and all-around IT technical experience is required. Must have well-developed written/oral and management skills and with a strong background in all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements.

Computer Technician (1)
Associate's degree in any computer science, information technology or other related areas. Must have at least 3 years of sound experience in electronics and communication systems with emphasis on the repair of computer equipment and installation of telephone cables/systems. Must be knowledgeable in different software applications and in hardware troubleshooting. Must be able to work flexible hours.

Programmer Analyst (1)
Associate's degree in computer science or computer programming and at least 3 years of work-related experience in a professional Microsoft Windows environment. Strong practical knowledge in relational databases management particularly in midrange RDMS environment such as SQL server. Knowledge in windows-based and web-based programming is a must.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Thursday, March 27, 2017.

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Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

CTSI Logistics is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Logistics Manager
Graduate of 4-year degree course and with at least 6 years management experience in the logistics business with emphasis on airfreight, ocean freight forwarding, warehousing and fuel hauling operations. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, Environmental and Occupational Safety Hazards is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, Emergency Response, IICL (Container and Chassis), Petroleum Standard Operating Procedure and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Accounting Manager
Graduate of 4-year degree course in accounting with at least 5 years experience in financial management: directing the preparation of financial reports; implementing cash management; and directing investment activities for a logistics supply chain business operations. Must have excellent written communication and analysis skills for financial data reporting. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics software are a must. Expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point is required. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

Sales & Marketing Manager
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Sales or Marketing or any Business course and at least 3 years of managerial work experience are required as well as an extensive knowledge and experience in supply chain and freight brokerage. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Can work flexible hours. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Proficiency in freight forwarding, shipping and household goods operations are a must. Must be familiar with freight forwarding software.

Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 3 years work experience in financial management for a logistics/supply chain business or agency operations. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics systems. Must have expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

Storage and Distribution Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years of distribution and warehousing supervisory experience. Knowledge of household goods handling and airfreight and oceanfreight operations is required. Proficiency in Warehouse management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Shipping Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of shipping, receiving and warehousing supervisory experience is required. Proficiency in shipping operations, shipping documentation & cargo management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, 49 CFR & IMDG Code is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines. Knowledge of bill of ladings, scheduling and planning inbound and outbound shipments is a must.

Transportation Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of logistics and trucking operations supervisory experience is required. Must be knowledgeable in transportation and safety regulations and proficient in various logistic software. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, Emergency Response, IICL (Container and Chassis), Petroleum Standard Operating Procedure and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Freight Forwarding Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years experience in freight forwarding operations and 1-year experience in transportation security and communication related activities. Knowledge of TSA security regulations and proficiency in TSA Known Shipper Management System are a must. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation and IATA related trainings. Proficiency in airfreight documentation, freight forwarding software, FEDEX systems and operations are a must. Must be familiar with airline operations and regulations.

Cargo and Freight Agent (5)
Associate's Degree with a minimum of 2 years experience in a logistics, freight brokerage or warehouse services business. Must know how to operate a forklift with certification. Must be able to do strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of small items on the job. Licensed to drive 4x6 wheel closed vans and must have obtained training or certification in handling hazardous materials, Occupational Safety, Hazardous Waste Operation and IAC CCSF authorized screener. Must be proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs and available to work on evenings and weekend hours.

Specialized Truck Driver (6)
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Must have at least 3 years experience in hauling petroleum products with the corresponding SMITHS & STOPS training certification, carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

Heavy Equipment Truck Driver (3)
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Experience in carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

Shipping and Receiving Clerk (4)
Associate's Degree and at least 2 years work related experience. Must be proficient in MS Office programs as well as other planning and logistics software. Knowledge of supply chain, shipping operations and procedures, document preparation and recordkeeping is required. Should possess good interpersonal and verbal communication skills.

Accounting Clerk
High School graduate, GED, Associates degree or equivalent with at least 2-3 years bookkeeping or clerical accounting work experience in freight forwarding operation, sales or service related work. Associate Degree in Accounting, Auditing, Business Management or Finance an advantage. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office applications such as Word Processor and Spreadsheet; and proficient with Accounting software such as SAP-R3 FICO (Financial and Controlling) system, ERP system, and HR2 system).

Truck Mechanic
Vocational or High School Graduate. Must be able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, or maintain and repair any type of engines. Minimum of two (2) year work experience is required on these areas: lubrication, repairs and servicing, use of machine tools, welding and flame cutting, engine elements, gears, brakes, transmission, exhausts, etc. Proficiency in critical devices for fuel tank trucks is a must.

Automotive Body Repairer
Formal Auto Body Training in a Vocational School is required as well as a minimum of one-year experience in repairing and refinishing automotive vehicle bodies' vehicle frames. Proficiency in automotive body painting is required.

Janitor
Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

A pre-employment drug testing will be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should submit resume / application to CTSI Logistics, Lower Base not later than March 27, 2017.

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World

Comey: FBI probing Trump-Russia links, wiretap claims bogus

WASHINGTON (AP)—The FBI is investigating whether Donald Trump's associates coordinated with Russian officials in an effort to sway the 2016 presidential election, Director James Comey said Monday in an extraordinary public confirmation of a probe the president has refused to acknowledge, dismissed as fake news and blamed on Democrats.

In a bruising five-hour session, the FBI director also knocked down Trump's claim that his predecessor had wiretapped his New York skyscraper, an assertion that has distracted White House officials and frustrated fellow Republicans who acknowledge they've seen no evidence to support it.

The revelation of the investigation of possible collusion with Russians, and the first public confirmation of the wider probe that began last summer, came in a remarkable hearing by one branch of government examining serious allegations against another branch and the new president's election campaign.

Tight-lipped for the most part, Comey refused to offer details on the scope, targets or timeline for the FBI investigation, which could shadow the White House for months, if not years. The director would not say whether the probe has turned up evidence that Trump associates may have schemed with Russians during a campaign marked by email hacking that investigators believe was aimed at helping the Republican defeat Democrat Hillary Clinton.

FBI Director James Comey takes a break after three hours of testifying on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, March 20, 2017, before the House Intelligence Committee hearing on allegations of Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. AP

WORLD BRIEFS

Iraqi officials say Baghdad bombing kills at least 23

BAGHDAD (AP)—A suicide car bombing in Baghdad killed at least 23 people on Monday and wounded 45 others, according to Iraqi officials. The attack targeted a commercial area in Baghdad's southwestern Amil neighborhood, police and hospital officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release information. No one claimed responsibility for the attack, but the Islamic State group has been behind previous Baghdad bombings.

Pope begs forgiveness for church role in Rwanda genocide

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis on Monday begged forgiveness for the "sins and failings of the church and its members" during Rwanda's 1994 genocide as the Holy See sought to open a new phase in relations nearly a quarter-century after the slaughter. In an extraordinary statement after Francis' meeting with Rwandan President Paul Kagame, the Vatican acknowledged that the church itself bore blame, as well as some Catholic priests and nuns who "succumbed to hatred and violence, betraying their own evangelical mission" by participating in the genocide. During the 100-day genocide, more than 800,000 ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed by Hutu extremists. Many of the victims died at the hands of priests, clergymen and nuns, according to some accounts by survivors, and the Rwandan government says many died in the churches where they had sought refuge.

Tress toppled at Ghana waterfall during storm, killing 19

ACCRA, Ghana (AP)—A rainstorm toppled trees onto people at Ghana's Kintampo Waterfall, killing at least 19, most of them students who were visiting and swimming at the tourist site north of the capital, officials said Monday. Early reports had blamed Sunday's disaster on a single large tree and estimates from local officials on the number of dead had varied during the day, ranging from 17 to 20. As of Monday night, the bodies of 13 Methodist Senior High School students, three University of Energy and Natural Resources students and three local residents had been recovered at the waterfall in the Brong Ahafo region, about 414 kilometers (257 miles) north of the capital, Accra, said the Kintampo municipal co-ordinating director, Siegfried Kwame Addo.

Al-Qaida steps up violence against Syrian government

BEIRUT (AP)—Under pressure from fellow insurgents and escalating airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition, Syria's al-Qaida branch is stepping up violence against President Bashar Assad's strongholds with precise, high-profile attacks, including a surprising breach of the capital in the most serious infiltration in years. Sunday's attack, in which insurgents used tunnels they control in northeastern Damascus neighborhoods to hit government positions, appears to have caught the Syrian military off guard. It was a grim reminder that the fighting is far from over, despite significant advances by Assad's forces against rebels across the country in the past year.

US surgeon pleads guilty after New Zealand crash kills 2

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—A 63-year-old Wisconsin heart surgeon who was on vacation in New Zealand with his wife has pleaded guilty to careless driving charges after police say he caused an accident while attempting a U-turn on a coastal highway last month, killing two people and injuring four others. Kenneth Wolnak faces a maximum of three months in jail on each of the six charges after pleading guilty at the Nelson District Court on Tuesday. Wolnak's lawyer Tony Bamford says he doesn't expect Wolnak to serve jail time but rather to potentially meet with the victims or their families as part of a restorative justice procedure. Bamford says Wolnak is trying to come to terms with what he's done after spending his career saving lives. Wolnak works at Mercyhealth in Janesville, Wisconsin.

N.Korea says it's not afraid of US threat of military strike

TOKYO (AP)—North Korea said Monday it is not frightened by U.S. threats of possible pre-emptive military action to halt its nuclear and missile buildup. A spokesman for North Korea's Foreign Ministry slammed U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson's recent talk of tougher sanctions, more pressure, and possible military action, and said the North would not be deterred in its nuclear program. "The nuclear force of (North Korea) is the treasured sword of justice and the most reliable war deterrence to defend the socialist motherland and the life of its people," the official Korean Central News Agency quoted the spokesman as saying. Tillerson recently visited Japan, South Korea and China on trip that focused on North Korea's nuclear program. On Friday, he signaled a tougher strategy that left open the possibility of pre-emptive military action.

S. Korea's Park says 'sorry' as she's to undergo questioning

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's just-ousted president said she was "sorry" to the people as she arrived Tuesday at a prosecutors' office for questioning over a corruption scandal that led to her removal from office. Earlier this month, the Constitutional Court ruled unanimously to dismiss her as president, about three months after parliament impeached her over allegations she colluded with a confidante to extort money from businesses and committed other wrongdoingsIt was a dramatic fall for Park, a daughter of slain dictator Park Chung-hee, who was elected as the country's first female president in late 2012 amid a wave of support from conservatives who remembered her father as a hero who pulled the country up from poverty despite his suppression of civil rights.

Ban aimed at electronics in cabins of some US-bound flights

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. government is temporarily barring passengers on certain flights originating in eight other countries from bringing laptops, iPads, cameras and most other electronics in carry-on luggage starting Tuesday.

The reason for the ban was not immediately clear. U.S. security officials would not comment. The ban was revealed Monday in statements from Royal Jordanian Airlines and the official news agency of Saudi Arabia.

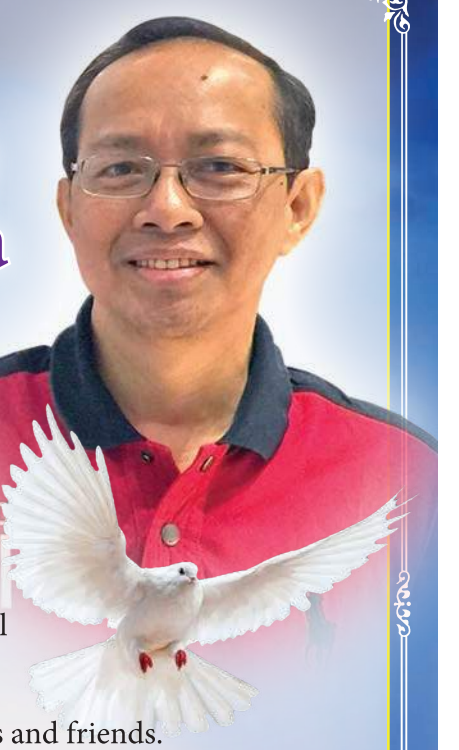
A U.S. official told The Associated Press the ban will apply to nonstop flights to the U.S. from 10 international airports serving the cities of Cairo in Egypt; Amman in Jordan; Kuwait City in Kuwait; Casablanca in Morocco; Doha in Qatar; Riyadh and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia; Istanbul in Turkey; and Abu Dhabi and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. The ban was indefinite, said the official.

A second U.S. official said the ban will affect nine airlines in total, and the Transportation Security Administration will inform the affected airlines at 3 a.m. Eastern time Tuesday.

In Loving Memory of

Soc Nilo A. Villanueva

August 6, 1962 - March 15, 2017



In his new life, he now joins his:
Parents: Benigno P. and Carmelita A. Villanueva

His spirit and memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Siblings: Gil, Benigno Jr., Oscar, Raul and Maria Theresa

He will also be missed by his relatives and friends.

Nightly rosary is being offered at 7:30pm at Kristo Rai Church. On Thursday, March 23, 2017, rosary will be offered at 6:00pm, followed by mass. Dinner will be served at the Kristo Rai Social Hall.

Funeral service will be held in Samar on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 9am.

The family is eternally grateful for all the support and prayers.

Thank you – Maraming Salamat Po

Life & Style

Who's happy, who's not: Norway

AP

In this Sept. 7, 2016 file photo, a smiley face is seen on a sunflower in a sunflower field in Lawrence, Kan.

OSLO, Norway (AP)—If you want to pursue happiness, grab a winter coat.

A new report shows Norway is the happiest country on Earth, Americans are getting sadder, and it takes more than just money to be happy.

What makes Norway and other northern European countries top the happiness list has a lot to do with a sense of community and broad social welfare support, according to experts and cheerful Norwegians, including one whose job it is to make people laugh.

"The answer to why Norwegians are happy—it's a bit boring—it's well functioning institutions," explained Norwegian comedian Harald Eia. "The schools, health care, police, all the bureaucracy treat people with respect and that trickles down and makes us happy, makes us trust each other, makes us feel a part of the whole community. So it's very boring: bureaucrats are the secret to our happiness."

Norway vaulted to the top slot in the World Happiness Report despite lower prices for oil, a key part of its economy. In the U.S., happiness has been declining for the past decade even as the nation has become richer.

The United States was 14th in the latest ranking, down from No. 13 last year, and over the years Americans steadily have been rating themselves less happy.

"It's the human things that matter. If the riches make it harder to have frequent and trustworthy relationships between people, is it worth it?" asked John Helliwell, the lead author of the report and an economist at the University of British Columbia in Canada (ranked No. 7). "The material can stand in the way of the human."

Studying happiness may seem frivolous, but serious academics have long been calling for more testing about people's emotional well-being, especially in the United States. In 2013, the National Academy of Sciences issued a report recommending that federal statistics and surveys, which normally deal with income, spending, health and housing, include a few extra questions on happiness because it would lead to better policy that affects people's lives.

Norway moved from No. 4 to the top spot in the report's rankings, which combine economic, health and polling data compiled by economists that are averaged over three years from 2014 to 2016. Norway edged past previous champ Denmark, which fell to second. Iceland, Switzerland and Finland round out the top 5.

"I think it's the work-life balance. So we have a big safety net, so we get free education, free health care, so it's really good," said 29-year-old Marin Maal in Oslo. "And we're close to nature."

Still, you have to have money to be happy, and it is no coincidence that Norway is one of the richest nations in the world. It's also why most of the bottom countries are in desperate poverty. But at a certain point extra money doesn't buy extra happiness, Helliwell and others said.

Central African Republic fell to last on the happiness list, and is joined at the bottom by Burundi, Tanzania, Syria and Rwanda.

The report ranks 155 countries. The economists have been ranking countries since 2012, but the data used goes back further so the economists can judge trends.

The rankings are based on gross domestic product per person, healthy life expectancy with four factors from global surveys. In those surveys, people give scores from 1 to 10 on how much social support they feel they have if something goes wrong, their freedom to make their own life choices, their sense of how corrupt their society is and how generous they are.

While most countries were either getting happier or at least treading water, America's happiness score dropped 5 percent over the past decade. Venezuela and the Central African Republic slipped the most over the past decade. Nicaragua and Latvia increased the most.

Study co-author and economist Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University said in a phone interview from Oslo that the sense of community, so strong in Norway, is deteriorating in the United States.

"We're becoming more and more mean spirited. And our government is becoming more and more corrupt. And inequality is rising," Sachs said, citing research and analysis he conducted on America's declining happiness for the report. "It's a long-term trend and conditions are getting worse."

University of Maryland's Carol Graham, who wasn't a study author but did review some chapters, said the report mimics what she sees in the American rural areas, where her research shows poor whites have a deeper lack of hope, which she connects to rises in addictions to painkillers and suicide among that group.

"There is deep misery in the heartland," Graham, author of the book "The Pursuit of Happiness," wrote in an email.

It baffles Norwegian comedian Eia.

"Why can't Americans who are the brightest people in the world do the same thing as we do to make the happiest people?" Eia asked. "I don't get it."

Mom must bear son-in-law for the sake of her daughter

DEAR ABBY: I'm not proud to write this, but I don't like my son-in-law. I think the feeling is mutual. He's arrogant and thinks he knows everything.

My daughter and I had a close bond before she married him. That quickly changed. She barely comes to my house anymore, and I don't see my grandkids as often as I'd like. I don't have a car (I'm working on that), and I rely on them for transportation. I don't like going to their house because I don't feel wanted.

I tolerate my son-in-law because I know my daughter loves him and I try hard to stay out of their business. What advice can you offer me?

WISHING THINGS WERE BETTER

DEAR WISHING: Has it occurred to you that your daughter may be hurt or uncomfortable because she knows you dislike her husband? If he makes your daughter happy and is a good father to your grandchildren, give him points for that, and be glad you aren't the one who has to live with him.

You don't have to love him, but you must maintain a cordial relationship if only for your daughter's sake. Keep working on getting that car so you'll have your own transportation when you need it, and your visit won't be perceived as an imposition.

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DEAR ABBY: My son is angry to the point of rage that my daughter is dating his best friend, "Ron." He says his sister "betrayed him" because when she and Ron broke up, she promised never to date another of his friends again, but went back to dating Ron. He also blames my husband and me for encouraging them. They are only 18 months apart in age.

We have shared that we understand his feelings of loss regarding his friend, but we don't think there's anything wrong with her dating Ron. I don't think anything will make him feel better except them breaking up again, and that doesn't look like it will happen.

My son is 22 and my daughter is 20. This is ruining the once close-knit family we had. Any advice you can offer would be appreciated.

MESS ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR MESS: Your son may be 22, but he needs to grow up. If he values his friendship with Ron, he will have to accept that he cannot control the love lives of others, and the person he is punishing with the stance he has taken is himself. It's time for you to step back. You and your spouse will be better off if you stop allowing your adult son's tantrum(s) to affect you.

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DEAR ABBY: While dining in a fancy restaurant recently, I noticed a woman sitting a few tables away who had a number of tattoos on her arms and elsewhere. When she came by, I politely asked her what one of them meant. My wife was furious! Did I do something wrong?

INQUIRING QUESTION

DEAR INQUIRING: Tattoos often have deeply personal meanings to the wearer. Although some individuals might welcome the opportunity to explain them to a stranger, others would not because the tat may commemorate a very personal—or sad—milestone. Your wife may have become upset because she felt the question was presumptuous.

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Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

WELL, WHAT DO YOU SAY? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE TRANSMOGRIFIED?
TRANSMOGRIFIER
I DON'T THINK SO. BEING A TIGER IS MY AREA OF EXPERTISE.
DON'T BE SCARED. THE PROCESS IS INSTANTANEOUS AND COMPLETELY PAINLESS.
JUST THINK! WITH THE PUSH OF A BUTTON, YOU COULD BE A 500-STORY GASTROPOD — A SLUG THE SIZE OF THE CHRYSLER BUILDING!
GOSH, HOW CAN I REFUSE?
WELL IF YOU DON'T LIKE THAT, BE SOMETHING ELSE! I DON'T CARE!
3-22

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

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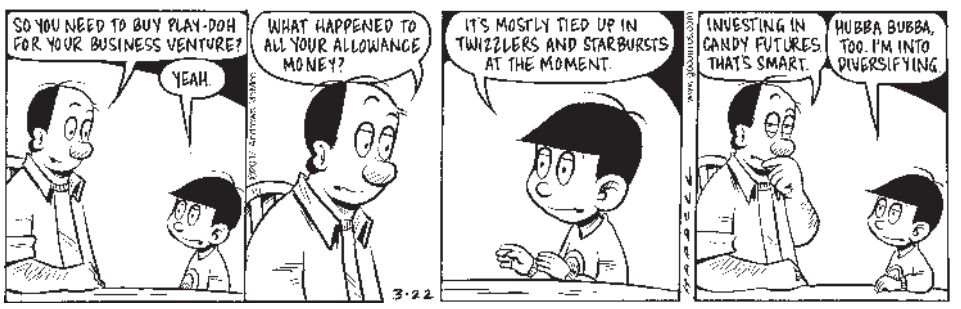
By Bryan Basset


SO YOU NEED TO BUY PLAY-DOH FOR YOUR BUSINESS VENTURE?
YEAH.
WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL YOUR ALLOWANCE MONEY?
IT'S MOSTLY TIED UP IN TWIZZLERS AND STARBURSTS AT THE MOMENT.
INVESTING IN CANDY FUTURES THAT'S SMART.
HUBBA BUBBA, TOO. I'M INTO DIVERSIFYING.
3-22

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

THOSE TWO SQUIRRELS BY THE OAK TREE SEEM TO BE TALKING TO EACH OTHER.
I DON'T TRUST THEM.
DO YOU THINK SQUIRRELS CAN SPEAK RUSSIAN?

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Jet speed measure
5 Saloon
8 No neatnik
12 "— want for Christmas ..."
13 Citric beverage
14 Ashen
15 Miles of Plymouth
17 Winds up
18 Flip-flop
19 Proverbs
21 GI entertainers
22 Capital of Azerbaijan
23 Dallas hoopster, briefly
26 Paul Newman film
28 Earthquake
31 Wings
33 Surpass
35 Queue after Q
36 Orange peels
38 Corn throwaway
40 Drone
41 Campus area
43 "How — love thee"
45 Wall plaster
47 Artist's surface
51 Met solo
52 Five-armed sea creature
54 Take five
55 Hosp. parts
56 Jazz singer James
57 Tennis legend Arthur
58 Congeal
59 Leeway

DOWN

1 Church service
2 Utah ski resort
3 Family
4 Brahmanist
5 Financial rescue
6 Billboards
7 Detox center
8 Orator
9 Suffer neglect
10 Shoppe description
11 Porgy's love
16 Sprint
20 "— Kapital"
23 Scratch the surface?
24 "The Greatest"
25 Conquer, as in battle
27 Elmer, to Bugs
29 Disco guy on "The Simpsons"
30 Silent
32 Teach
34 Audio download
37 Pouch
39 Wild hog
42 Rx amounts
44 Draw a conclusion
45 Poet Teasdale
46 "— chic!"
48 Corleone patriarch
49 Regarding
50 Counterfeit
53 Three, in Rome

Solution time: 23 mins.

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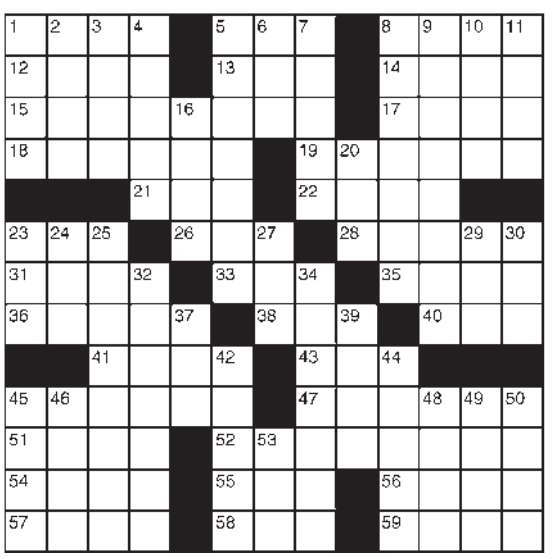
Yesterday's answer 3-22



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Reese Witherspoon, 41; Elvis Stojko, 45; Bob Costas, 65; William Shatner, 86.

Happy Birthday: Don't leave anything to chance. Look at every situation carefully and find a workable solution. Letting matters linger will make life more difficult. Make alterations to the way you do things and be willing to cut corners and act frugally. The choices you make will determine your future. Invest in yourself and the skills you require to reach your goals. Your numbers are 3, 12, 16, 23, 37, 45, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*: Take the high road when dealing with adversity or those who voice emotional differences. What you accomplish will count far more than getting involved in a stubborn stalemate. Focus on yourself and the ones you love. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*: Emotional uncertainty and confusion will set in when dealing with peers, superiors and relatives. Concise communication will help, but questioning any responses that leave you feeling doubtful should be a priority. Walk away from temptation. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*: Don't stop learning. Gather the facts and be open to suggestions. High returns will come from being prepared and offering sound solutions and plans. Don't put up with anyone using emotional manipulation to take advantage of you. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*: Channel your energy into something you enjoy doing. Take part in a rally and you will feel good about supporting a cause you believe in. Nurture important partnerships instead of taking extreme actions. Patience will be required. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*: Travel and education are highlighted. A professional challenge will require your undivided attention. Use your intelligence to find solutions and be willing to work with others in order to get things done. Anger will impede your productivity. Say little but do a lot. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*: A business trip or partnership looks promising. If you put in the time, you will get what you want. Negotiate on your own behalf and you will avoid being taken advantage of or getting too little in return. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*: Relationships will pose a problem. Absorb what others are telling you and don't react until you have found a way to deal with the situation reasonably. Enforce discipline and offer love and peace rather than cacophony and confusion.✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*: Share your thoughts at networking events or when dealing with friends, family or children. Your input may not always be taken favorably, but it will have an impact on those you care about. Be true to yourself and offer truth and love.✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't mix business with pleasure or you will lose the upper hand. Put your efforts into getting ahead and improving your life both at home and at work. A personal commitment to someone you love will improve your relationship. ✪✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*: Mounting opposition will leave you in a quandary. Back up and consider your options. Don't engage in a confrontation with someone who is unpredictable or impulsive. Protect what you have, dismiss pressure tactics and take back control. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*: Secrets are best kept that way. If you divulge information in a moment of emotional turmoil, it will lead to an argument that you will regret. Stay calm, listen carefully and use whatever information you can gather to bring about positive changes. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*: Turn something you enjoy doing into a way to boost your income. Start by volunteering your services and see where it leads. Change can be good if you go about it the right way. Make sure your motives are honorable. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are emotional, talkative and friendly. You are adaptable and excessive.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	7	3			1	8		
5			1	7			4	
9			8				2	
8			4				6	
	9	1			4	5		
2			9				3	
7			5				9	
3			2	4			1	
	2	8			5	4		

Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/22

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

5	1	7	9	8	6	4	3	2
9	8	4	5	2	3	1	6	7
2	6	3	7	1	4	9	5	8
8	7	2	4	3	1	6	9	5
6	4	1	2	9	5	7	8	3
3	9	5	6	7	8	2	4	1
7	3	6	1	5	9	8	2	4
1	5	9	8	4	2	3	7	6
4	2	8	3	6	7	5	1	9

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By DAVID OUELLET

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I	T	E	I	N	I	A	Ⓣ	S	T	I	A	S	T	B
C	U	Y	C	P	L	L	I	M	A	K	R	S	G	U
I	R	B	E	A	A	R	U	M	V	O	K	R	R	D
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N	W	O	R	B	T	A	N	N	I	N	W	I	L	D

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Branch, Brown, Brows, Buds, Chicken, Cookies, Dark, Diamond, Dye, Fish, Flowers, Food, Forest, Fruits, Grey Black, Grow, Hair, Husks, Juglandaceae, Kernel, Leaves, Lumber, Medicine, Mill, Natural, Nut, Ovate, Pasta, Pies, Riparian, Ripen, Robust, Roots, Salads, Shells, Sizes, Stain, Stems, Tannin, Taproot, Timber, Tree, Trunk, Twigs, Wild, Wood, Yellow

Yesterday's Answer: Family

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(1) Sewing Machine Operator
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Customer Service Supervisor, Operations (3)
High School Diploma or GED. At least three (3) years work experience in a tour/travel agency, sales or service related work preferably with at least two (2) years of experience supervising a team of tour sales agents. Must be able to speak, read, write, and understand English and in Chinese (Mandarin) preferred. Must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Interested applicants may send their resumes to savi_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than **5:00PM on March 27, 2017**. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Saipan Adventures Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Applicants must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Interested applicants may submit an application and/or resume at our Saipan office located in the C.T.S.I. building, Lower Base, by April 7, 2017. Applications may also be sent to: mpk@dandq-international.com. The successful applicant will be required to provide a police clearance.

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Graduate of a 4-year degree course and with a minimum of 6 years of professional, progressive management experience and at least 4 years of general management experience in business operations. Must have experience in business operation reporting, contract negotiation with suppliers and service contractors including identifying new business opportunities. Must have a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives. Must be able and willing to work evenings, holidays, and weekends.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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1- BLDG MAINTENANCE REPAIRER
1-SALES/MARKETING ASSOCIATE

Requirements: Minimum Wages,
Flexible working Time and 2 years actual job experience
Job Starts: October 01, 2017
Interested applicants may come and apply at
Marfega Trading Office At Airport Road Dandan.
No Phone Calls Please. Closing Date: March 29, 2017

FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN

is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following vacant position:

Bartender (1)

Qualification:
High School graduate or equivalent. 2 years progressive work experience as a bartender is required and preferably from a full service hotel or high volume restaurant. Must have a pleasing personality and sound judgment. Good customer service skills required. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including week nights, weekends and holidays.

Applications may be obtained and submitted to our security office on the ground floor, south wing. Deadline for submission of application to be considered is March 24, 2017.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

HERMAN'S MODERN BAKERY
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1) Chief Accountant - Bachelor's Degree w/ minimum of 3 yrs. work experience
(1) Production Manager - College Degree or 5 yrs. Equivalent work experience
(1) Production Supervisor - High School Diploma w/ 2 yrs. work experience
(1) Refrigeration & Aircon Technician - High School/Vocational Diploma w/ 2 yrs. experience
(2) Sales Representative - High School Diploma w/ 1 yr. work experience
(1) Production Clerk - High School Diploma w/ 1 yr. work experience
(3) Baker - High School Diploma w/ 2 yrs. work experience
(2) Cake Decorator - High School Diploma w/ 1 yr. work experience
(2) Packer - High School Diploma w/ 6 mos. work experience
(1) Cook Assistant - High School Diploma w/ 6 mos. work experience

Must be willing to work on weekends, holidays and be able to work on flexible hours.

Interested applicants may send their resume to sales.saipan@hermansbakery.com or pick-up an application form at our HR office at Tun Herman Pan (Airport Road)

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR and HEAD COACH

Location: Saipan, CNMI.
Duties and Responsibilities:
- Introduce and demonstrate up to date training methods and playing techniques to players and then plan, organize, and conduct training and practice sessions.
- Scout and observe players from all levels to evaluate players' strengths and weaknesses, to recommend the level at which players can train or players, and to identify and recruit potential athletes.
- Plan and direct physical conditioning programs that will enable athletes to achieve maximum performance.
- Coach, train and prepare national team players for international competitions
- Provide training direction and develop methods to encourage and motivate players for games and competitions.
- Adjust coaching techniques, based on the strengths and weaknesses of athletes.
- Instruct individuals or groups in sports rules, game strategies, and performance principles.
- Keep records of athletes, teams and opposing teams' performance and analyze the strengths and weaknesses of opposing teams to develop game strategies.
- Take the lead for developing a multi-year strategic plan for the NMIFA.

Minimum Qualification:
- Bachelor's degree in Sports Science, Physical Education or related major.
- With 8 to 10 years minimum of international coaching experience or with 5 years minimum of international coaching experience plus a coaching instructor certificate. Resume must reflect the experience required and references will be verified.
- At a minimum, applicant must be a Class B-Licensed Coach in soccer under an AFC or other equivalent international licensing program.
- Must have extensive experience in soccer sports development including development programs of youth, men and women national players.
- Can work flexible hours and available on weekends, holidays and weeknights.
- Must have international coaching experience at the national level.
- Can communicate effectively in English. Understanding and speaking other Asian languages will be given additional consideration.
- Familiarity with EAFF and AFC run programs and competitions will be highly considered.

Salary will be based on qualification. Please send resume and other documents showing all requirements to the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association - 3rd Floor, TSL Plaza, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan or PMB 338, P.O. Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950 or Fax no. 1-670-233-6632 or email to rzapanta@nmifa.com. To be considered, resume must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm, Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB SAIPAN

We are seeking for high energy individuals with a positive, can do attitude.
Pacific Islands Club, Saipan is inviting qualified, U.S. workers to apply for the following position:

1) PASTRY COOK HELPER

Minimum of two (2) years of related experience with bread making, pastry making and cake decorating. Must have previous experience in high volume production including large banquets, functions and special events. High School Diploma or higher is required. Must be able to work early mornings, nights, weekends and holidays.

Applications must be received by 5:00pm on Thursday, April 6th, 2017.
PIC applications are available at the PIC Security Desk by the Loading Dock/Employee Entrance.
Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted or considered.
PIC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

KAUILA ENTERPRISE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
Is looking for:

(50) Commercial Cleaner
(20) Food Preparation Server

Please send resume to P.O. Box 505053, Saipan MP 96950 or email to annacabael@yahoo.com

SHADES OF PARADISE (SAIPAN) LLC

Accounting Technician / Bookkeeper (1)
Start Rate $7.75 per hour

Must be college graduate in Accounting or Associates degree with a minimum of 4 years employment working in the field of accounting. Must be proficient in QuickBooks Accounting Software, Microsoft word and excel. Must be able to work in PC and apple computer. Must know how to drive with valid driver's license.

Interested or Qualified applicants send resume to: pss.admin@sopguam.net "No Phone Call."

SAIPAN MARINE CORP.
CITIZEN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Almost every job now held by an alien in Commonwealth will soon be available for qualified U.S. Citizen. Jobs currently held by foreign workers will require a new federal permit. The new federal transitional worker program will require employers to hire available qualified U.S. Citizen or green card holders before hiring or re-hiring alien transitional workers.

Therefore, our company is inviting interested U.S. Citizens, U.S. Green Card holders and FAS work authorized citizens with 2 years ship repair experience to apply for employment with us.

Our job categories include but are not limited to:

1 – Maintenance

We are equal opportunity employer and comply with all CNMI laws relevant to employment. All qualified candidates will receive serious consideration.

Apply by mail only to:
Saipan Marine Corp.
Attention: Michelle Hamilton
PMB 170 PPP Box 10000
Saipan MP 96950

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

PARTS SALES PERSON (2)

- Minimum of 5 years experience
- Expertise in commercial vehicle and heavy equipment parts

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MTL COMMERCIAL TRADING INC.
DBA SAIPAN AUTO DEPOT

Saipan Plaza Building
Middle Road, Gualo Rai

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(2) Maintenance
Atleast high school graduate . A valid driver's license. Ability to use efficiently various power and hand tools. Knows how to follow oral written instructions and can communicate efficiently and fluently in both witten and oral form.

(1) Fiberglass Laminator and Fabricator
With Atleast 2 years work related experience. Needs to be physically fit and willing to work flexible time.

Submit Applications To:
AYD SERVICES, INC.
Tel.# (670)235-7011

SEABRIDGE INC.
CITIZEN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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Our job categories include but are not limited to:

One (1) Welder
One (1) Marine Mechanic

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Apply by mail only to:
Seabridge Inc.
Attention: Michelle Hamilton
PMB 170 PPP Box 10000
Saipan MP 96950

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Applications may be obtained and submitted to our security office on the ground floor, south wing. Deadline for submission of application to be considered is March 26, 2017.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

SAIPAN CREWBOATS, INC.
CITIZEN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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Therefore, our company is inviting interested U.S. Citizens, U.S. Green Card holders and FAS work authorized citizens with 2 years ship repair experience to apply for employment with us.

Our job categories include but are not limited to:

One (1) Marine Mechanic

We are equal opportunity employer and comply with all CNMI laws relevant to employment. All qualified candidates will receive serious consideration.

Apply by mail only to:
Saipan Crewboats Inc.
Attention: Michelle Hamilton
PMB 170 PPP Box 10000
Saipan MP 96950

LSG Sky Chefs

LSG SKY CHEFS is looking to hire qualified U.S. workers for the following positions:

- **Airport Concession Supervisor**
- **Maintenance Worker**
- **Counter Attendant (2)**
- **Maintenance Vehicle Mechanic**
- **Cook (2)**
- **Food Service Supervisor**
- **Operations Supervisor**
- **Baker**

Applications are available at the Main Office located on airport road, situated between American Red Cross Office and Historic Preservation Office, or send resume to rita.taitano@lsgskychefs.com. Deadline for submission is Monday, March 27, 2017.

Century Hotel

(1) Housekeeping Cleaner (Part-Time)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum 6 months work experience preferable in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Applications may be obtained and submitted at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's security office located at the south wing, ground floor. Dead-line for submission of application is March 24, 2017.

Century Hotel is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

GMA Corp. dba NMI Contractor

P.O. BOX 503317 CK, SAIPAN MP 96950
TEL./FAX: 233-5646 CELL: 287-3542/287-0847

POSITION : PURCHASING OFFICER

- Associate Degree or College degree with at least 3 years of work experience in procurement operation.
- Excellent skill in purchasing negotiation and knowledge-able in shipping & delivery documentation.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Application especially in Microsoft Excel & PowerPoint
- Has a background and able to use & understand Application System Protocol (SAP)
- Capable to multi task and perform administrative jobs
- With excellent communication skill, self-motivated and can handle work with a very minimum to no supervision
- Willing to work on extended hours, evening, during weekends or holidays if needed.
- Must able to drive with a valid driver's license.

Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment. Salaries will commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should be sent by mail to P.O. BOX 503317 Saipan, MP 96950 or email to noel96950@yahoo.com not later than March 31, 2017

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General Mechanic (1) - Minimum of 5 years professional experience as general mechanic, repairs and maintains physical structures of the facility, repairs of vehicles, office machines and equipments, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, air condition, and all other equipments of the company. Rate $6.55 to $7.50/hr.

Interested applicants can mail their resume at P.O. Box 7788 SVRB, Saipan MP 96950 or may email to saipan@americopters.com.
No phone calls please.

Saipan Tribune is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accounting and Circulations Manager (1)
College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management and newspaper circulation experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management and newspaper circulation activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage a work team and independent contractors. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

Associate Editor (1)
Associate degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any other related course with at least 5 years experience, including newsroom management, story evaluation, and production. Must have strong rewriting, headlining, and proofreading skills and must be able to meet tight deadlines. Preferably with an extensive experience in sports writing.

Circulations Coordinator (1)
Associate degree with a minimum of 2 years progressively responsible work experience. Requirements include professional customer service and good driving skills. Must be able to routinely lift and move bundles of newspapers up to 50 lbs.

Graphic Designer (2)
Associate degree in Graphic Design or other related field. Minimum of 3 years work experience doing computer graphics and newspaper layout. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Must be familiar with offset printing process, computer peripherals, and Mac operating system. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, weekends, and holidays, depending on demand.

Art Director
Associate degree in Graphic Design or other related course. Minimum 5 years work experience in computer graphic and newspaper layout. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Must be able to assign and direct staff members to develop design concepts into art layouts. Reviews and approves art and copy materials developed by staff, and proofs of printed copy. Presents final layouts.

Managing Editor (1)
Associate degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course. At least 8 years progressive journalism and newspaper management experience with a strong story evaluation and production background. Must have rigorous proofreading skills and able to meet tight deadlines. Knows how to use InDesign or Quark Express and must be adept in the various technical aspects of newspaper publishing.

Reporters (2)
Associate degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course; At least 3 years work related experience; Above-average writing skills and a competent grasp of grammar and syntax; With rigorous standards for accuracy and detail; Ability to work within deadlines and in a stressful environment; Knowledgeable in all types of writing, including news and features; With photography skills. Must have own reliable transportation

Sports Reporter (1)
Associate degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English or any related course; At least 2 years experience in sports writing. Above average writing skills, with strong grasp of grammar and syntax. Must be able to write stories based on score sheets. Can work fast within deadlines and in a stressful environment. Fast learner, self-starter, and a team player. Must be able to work on holidays, weekends, late nights, and on a short notice. Must be computer literate and have photography skills. Must have own reliable transportation.

Accountant (1)
Associate Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work-related experience in general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and PowerPoint software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at the Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 27, 2017.

Saipan Tribune is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

Century Tours, Inc.

invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

Customer Service Agent, (2)
High school diploma or equivalent. Two (02) months work experience in Travel or Tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English, Korean, Japanese, or Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

Tour Sales Representative (11)
High School Diploma or GED with a minimum of six (6) months to one (1) year experience in travel or tour operation, sales or service related field. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes. Preferred Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages.

Customer Service Supervisor, Retail (1)
High School Diploma or GED. At least one (1) to two (2) years of related supervisory experience in a luxury retail environment. Must have the knowledge and computer skills to handle the POS register and other operations and communication systems.

Operations Manager (1)
College or Associate's degree in Management, Travel and Tour or any related field. At least three (3) years of progressive management experience in tour and travel operations is required. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages. Must be able and willing to work evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Sales Associate, full-time (2)
High School Diploma or a GED with prior work experience in luxury retail sales. Must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and carry it for at least 100 yards with or without using a trolley. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese (Mandarin) languages. Must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Familiarity with the POS System is preferred.

Sales Associate, part-time (1)
High School Diploma or a GED with prior work experience in luxury retail sales. Must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and carry it for at least 100 yards with or without using a trolley. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese (Mandarin) languages. Must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Familiarity with the POS System is preferred.

Inventory Assistant (1)
High School Diploma or GED with at least six (6) months retail experience and at least three (3) months of prior receiving, stocking and inventory experience. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications (Excel, MS Word, Outlook, Power Point). Knowledge on the following equipment: POS terminal, photocopier/facsimile machine, and other items as necessary to accomplish assigned tasks. Must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and move up to 50 pound items using a trolley. Must be able to bend, kneel, crouch, or crawl in awkward positions. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Interested applicants may send their applications to ceti_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than 5:00 PM on March 27, 2017. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Saipan Adventures Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Century Tours, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

STRATEGIC GAMING SOLUTIONS, INC.

is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

General Manager (1)
College graduate in Business Management plus ten (10) years casino management experience and five (5) years as a Casino Manager. Knowledge in financial management, forecasting and budgeting, strategic planning, marketing brand reinforcement, networking and stakeholder communication skills.

Cook (1)
Must have a high school diploma or equivalent plus two (2) years of work experience as a cook in a restaurant or hotel. Preferably with experience in Western, Japanese and Chinese cuisine. Must be willing to work shifts, holidays and weekends.

Administrative Accounting Clerk (1)
Bachelor degree in Accounting plus two (2) to three (3) years accounting experience. Must be familiar with SAP and Excel.

Food and Beverage Manager (1)
Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, business administration or other 4-year college equivalent plus three (3) to four (4) years experience in restaurant, bar business and food handling. Knowledge and experience in strategic planning, workforce planning, performance management and alignment, highly motivated, organized, outgoing with excellent communication and leadership skills.

Interested applicants may pick up an application at our HR Office located within Kanoa Resort, Susupe Beach Road from Monday to Friday between the hour of 10:30am to 5:30pm. Applications must be supported with resume and certificates. Last day of submission of application is March 23, 2017.

Strategic Gaming Solutions, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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(5) Screen Printer – Atleast 2 yrs. experience. Knowledge in screen printing equipment & machines. Able to work flexible hours.

(1) Graphic Artist – Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts. Minimum of 5 yrs. experience as Graphic Artist. Proficient in Illustrator/Photoshop CS5.

(2) Maintenance – Atleast high school graduate . A valid driver's license. Ability to use efficiently various power and hand tools. Knows how to follow oral written instructions and can communicate efficiently and fluently in both witten and oral form.

(1) Accounting Clerk – Atleast 2 yrs. experience. Proficient in various computer software, such as MS Excel, Word, Peach Tree & other Accounting Softwares.

(2) Auto Mechanic – Must have atleast 2 yrs. work related experience. Excellent diagnostic/ repair skills of vehicle systems. High self motivation.

(5) Trash Collector – Atleast High School graduate. With valid driver's license. Needs to be physically fit and willing to work flexible time and must be hardworking.

(1) Househelper – Knowledge in cooking Chinese,Japanese, Thai, Cuisine is a must. Experienced in household chores like cleaning, ironing, gardening, paying bills, and baby sitting. With valid driver's license.

(1) Garbage Collector Supervisor – Experienced in supervising and coordinating activities of workers engaged in collecting garbage and other refuse and transporting to disposal plants or areas. With valid driving license. Hardworking and trustworthy. Willing to work flexible time.

Submit Applications To:
PAM PACIFIC ENTERPRISES CORP. Tel. # (670)235-7270

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POI Aviation

Invites qualified US workers to apply for the following positions:

Ground Support Equipment Mechanic (3)
Requires: Diploma from technical/vocational course on automotive/diesel engines with minimum of 2 years experience in repair and overhaul of gas and diesel engines for automobiles and other specialized motorized equipment. Performs mechanical and electrical repairs, welding repairs, corrosion treatment and painting on all GSE equipment and vehicles. Must also be skilled in parts fabrication. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Load Planning Specialist (1)
Requires: Associate's Degree with 2 years of aircraft ramp operation experience with specific airline certification as a load planner. Ensures that aircraft load is distributed and secured in accordance with aircraft weight and balance requirements, ensuring that the aircraft's operational or structural limitations are not exceeded. Must be computer-literate and can perform manual weight and balance calculations. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Senior Airport Service Supervisor (1)
Requires: Associates Degree in related field or comparable work experience preferred. Five years of airport passenger handling with at least two years of supervisory position. Monitor operational plans, provides leadership to agents, lead agents and junior supervisors to achieve consistently high quality services to customers in compliance with standard operating procedures and KPI's. Knowledge of all passenger (reservations, ticketing and departure control system), aircraft services functions (aircraft cleaning equipment, tools and materials), and the airline industry. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Airport Service Supervisor (1)
Requires: Associate's Degree in related field or comparable work experience preferred. One to two years equivalent work experience. Provides assistance and customer service to passengers by performing various customer service duties in the airport such as check-in, reservations, baggage and processing. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Airport Service Agent (Aircraft) (2)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 2 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning. Performs interior cleaning of various aircraft to include cabins, lavatories and galleys. Must be knowledgeable in the use of different kinds of cleaning equipment, tools and materials. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Airport Service Agent (Passenger) (3)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger or customer service. Assists passengers by answering inquiries regarding flight information/booking/ reservations, checking-in out-bound passengers and luggage and assisting them in boarding flights, assisting in-bound passengers through immigration and customs. Must be computer-literate with excellent oral and written communication skills in both English and Chinese. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Airport Service Agent (Foreign Language) (6)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with at least 2 years' experience working as Passenger Service agent or on any related field of work. Fluency in a specific foreign language (Chinese/Korean) is required. Foreign Language speaking interpreters must effectively convert the verbal communication of one of these languages (Chinese/Korean) into the verbal form of the other. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Lead Aircraft Maintenance Technician (1)
Requires: AS Degree in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering with 4 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the manager, performing various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to ensure airworthiness. Must be skilled in the use of specialized aircraft testing equipment and hold current U.S. FAA A&P License or an equivalent foreign license. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Lead Airport Service Agent (Passenger) (4)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger or customer service. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, assisting passengers by answering inquiries regarding flight information/booking/reservations, checking-in out-bound passengers and luggage and assisting them in boarding flights, assisting in-bound passengers through immigration and customs. Must be computer-literate with excellent oral and written communication skills. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Lead Customer Service Agent (Cargo) (1)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience as a cargo handler. Handles and accepts cargoes according to the IATA, FAA, TSA, local airport, airlines and company regulations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, preparing documents for out-going and transfer cargoes. Must be able to operate forklift and other cargo-handling equipment and be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Must be proficient in the use of CSP Cargo Trac System. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Lead Customer Service Agent (Ramp) (3)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in ramp cargo loading and unloading operations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, operating equipment for loading and off-loading baggage/cargo to and from the aircraft for both commercial and freight aircraft. Ability to teach operation of specialized equipment for aircraft servicing and ramp operations. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Technical Operations Supervisor (1)
Requires: Diploma from technical / vocational course on automobile gas / diesel engines with minimum 4 years experience with a supervisory capacity in electrical, electronic, pneumatic, hydraulic system and gas / diesel engine maintenance. Plans work and supervises mechanics in performing mechanical and electrical repairs, welding repairs, corrosion treatment and painting on all GSE equipment and vehicles. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Terminal Operations Supervisor (1)
Requires: Associate's degree in related field. Five (5) years equivalent work experience. Specific airline certification as load planner. Sufficient mathematical skills to perform manual weight and balance calculations. Thorough knowledge in all areas of ramp, cargo and flight operations. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Accountant (1)
Requires: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with 2 years of progressive experience in accounting. Airline industry experience preferred. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, Peachtree and Microsoft software.

Accounting Manager (1)
Requires: College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, Peachtree and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

Interested applicants may send their applications to recruitment@poiaviation.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than March 27, 2017. Applications for employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the POI Aviation Building on International Terminal LP, Saipan International Airport. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Senior Property & Casualty

CLAIMS ADJUSTER

- 5 years or more actual experience as a Property & Casualty Claims Adjuster
- Engineering and/or Accounting degree preferred
- Experience with Ultramate and Karpower a plus
- Required experience in investigating fraud and arson cases
- Strong written communication skills and ability to work independently
- Experience and ability to investigate and evaluate large claims and write comprehensive reports
- Basic computer skills with strong organizational and time management skills
- Can handle large commercial losses with minimum supervision
- Must possess strong negotiation skills
- Salary will be commensurate with experience

Equal Employment Opportunity Employer
All applications will be considered solely on the basis of qualifications and ability, as the company does not unlawfully discriminate from consideration for employment on a basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, age, sex, marital status, national origin, disability or handicap, veteran status, or any other protected status under applicable local and federal laws.

Benefits Include: Sick leave, paid vacation, Holiday pay, employee discounts, medical, dental and group life insurance.

HOW TO APPLY: No phone calls please. Send your completed employment application and / or resume to hr@moylans.net

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Curry shoves, Thompson shoots as Warriors roll Thunder

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Stephen Curry and the Golden State Warriors didn't have Kevin Durant for Monday night's game at Oklahoma City.

With or without Durant, there's animosity to go around in this hot-blooded rivalry.

Klay Thompson scored 34 points to help the Warriors beat the Thunder 111-95 in a heated matchup filled with trash talk, technical fouls and a shoving match centered around the usually cool-headed Curry.

It was Golden State's second visit to Oklahoma City since Durant spurned his longtime employer to sign a free agent contract with the Warriors last summer. Durant has been out since February with a left knee injury and sat on the bench with his team.

Even with Durant out, the negative energy from the first meeting was still there. Curry exchanged shoves with Semaj Christon just before halftime, and both were issued technical fouls. Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook and Golden State's Draymond Green also got technicals for their roles in the skirmish.

"Your normal jump ball, fight for position situation," Curry said. "I was just trying to get in between Russ and—trying to get in between those two. I felt him push me. I kind of let that first one go, and then I kept going, and there was another little push, and I tried to hold my position."

Westbrook saw it differently.

"I think Curry tried to get into it with Semaj, and tried to push him, and I stepped in right between," Westbrook said. "Once I see something going down with my teammates, I'm hopping in."

The game itself was a knockout. The Warriors led by as many as 27 points while completing a sweep of the four-game season series.

Curry scored 23 points for the Warriors, who won their fourth straight and halted Oklahoma City's win streak at five games.

Westbrook scored 47 points the last time the teams met in Oklahoma City. This time, he had 15 points on 4-of-16 shooting.

"It was just one of those nights," Westbrook said. "Shots didn't fall. We had some open shots that didn't fall, and they made shots as well. A few mishaps defensively, but we'll be all right."

The Warriors took control in the second quarter, outscoring the Thunder 34-17 to go up 20 at the break.

Westbrook scored eight points in just over three minutes at the start of the third quarter to help the Thunder trim Golden State's lead to 12, but the Warriors bounced back and pushed their lead to 78-55 with just under five minutes left in the period. Westbrook didn't score again after his early third quarter surge.

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Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook, right, knocks the ball away from Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry during the second quarter of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Monday, March 20, 2017.

Rockets 125, Nuggets 124

In Houston, James Harden drove the length of the floor for a layup with 2.4 seconds left to lift Houston over Denver.

Harden had 39 points, 11 assists and was three rebounds shy of his 20th triple-double of the season. Houston outlasted Denver in a duel between the second- and third-highest scoring teams in the NBA.

Harden likely saved the game for Houston, too, when he batted down an inbounds pass to Mason Plumlee near the basket following his layup.

Will Barton gave Denver a one-point lead on a three-point play with less than a minute left. On the following possession, Harden missed a layup, but he got it back on the other end of the floor when he rebounded Jameer Nelson's air-ball.

Harden took the ball down the court and scored on a finger-roll layup.

Celtics 110, Wizards 102

In Boston, Isaiah Thomas scored 25 points after missing the previous two games with a bruised right knee, leading Boston to a victory over Washington in another testy matchup between two of the top teams in the Eastern Conference.

Avery Bradley added 20 points and nine rebounds for Boston, which moved 2+ games ahead of the Wizards for second place in the East. The Celtics trail first-place Cleveland by two games.

Clippers 114, Knicks 105

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin scored 30 points, Chris Paul had 13 points and 13 assists and Los Angeles beat New York.

DeAndre Jordan added 14 points and 10 rebounds, and the Clippers blew the game open by outscoring the Knicks 34-19 in the third quarter for a 25-point lead.

The Clippers (42-29) pulled to within one game of the Utah Jazz for fourth in the Western Conference and homecourt advantage in the first round of the playoffs. They have 11 regular season games remaining.

Pacers 107, Jazz 100

In Indianapolis, Jeff Teague scored 21 points, Paul George added 19 and Indiana beat Utah.

Indiana continued its trend of following a loss with a win—failing to do either in consecutive games since Feb. 16. The win helped the Pacers maintain the No. 6 spot in the Eastern Conference playoff chase.

Former Butler star Gordon Hayward led the Jazz with a career-high 38 points. Rudy Gobert had 16 points and 14 rebounds on the final stop of a four-game trip.

Hornets 105, Hawks 90

In Charlotte, Nicolas Batum and Kemba Walker each had 16 points and Charlotte handed slumping Atlanta its fourth straight loss.

The Hornets scored 17 points off 18 turnovers and led by as many as 23 in the fourth quarter.

Frank Kaminsky provided more strong play off the bench for Charlotte with 14 points and five assists. The 7-footer came into the game averaging 16.9 points, 5.9 rebounds and 2.3 assists in his previous 15 games.

Magic 112, Sixers 109, OT

In Orlando, Nikola Vucevic had 26 points and 13 rebounds, Evan Fournier scored 19 points and Orlando beat Philadelphia in overtime.

Orlando overcame a 17-point second-half deficit. Fournier led the way in OT with eight points, and Terrence Ross had four points in the extra session and 15 overall. The Magic also beat Phoenix on Friday and have consecutive wins for the first time since December.

Ross gave the Magic a 106-104 lead on a jumper with 34.7 seconds left in overtime and hit two free throws with 17.4 seconds remaining. Fournier and Jodie Meeks then put the game away with four straight free throws.

Johnson faces a major group in Match Play

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Dustin Johnson has a trio of major champions in his way at the Dell Technologies Match Play.

Johnson is the No. 1 seed for the first time in Match Play, which starts Wednesday at Austin Country Club. The three players assigned to his round-robin group are PGA champion Jimmy Walker, two-time major champion Martin Kaymer and former U.S. Open champion Webb Simpson.

Groups were determined by pulling one name from each of four 16-man segments based on the world ranking.

Defending champion Jason Day, the No. 3 seed, has Bay Hill winner Marc Leishman in his group. They were the only two Australians in the 64-man field. Rounding out that group is Lee Westwood and Pat Perez.

Rory McIlroy, the No. 2 seed who won two years ago at Harding Park, has Emiliano Grillo, 2015 runner-up Gary Woodland and Soren Kjeldsen. Hideki Matsuyama is the No. 4 seed and has last year's runner-up Louis Oosthuizen, Ross Fisher and Jim Furyk.

Fisher might be able to wrap up a spot in the Masters if the Englishman can advance out of his group.

"I'm happy with that draw," McIlroy said. "I feel like I'm playing well enough. I feel like I can advance from that group and get myself into the weekend."

After round-robin play for three days, 16 players advance to single-elimination, two matches on Saturday and Sunday.

The All-American group starts with Patrick Reed and includes Brooks Koepka, Kevin Kisner and Jason Dufner.

Jordan Spieth at least won't have to worry about playing a close friend like he did a year ago against Justin Thomas. Instead, he has two Japanese players —Yuta Ikeda and Hideto Tanihara, and Ryder Cup teammate Ryan Moore.

"U.S. Amateur champion and match-play wizard—lovely," Spieth said about Moore, whom he described as "top five of most difficult guys to play."

Moore won the U.S. Amateur and the U.S. Public Links Amateur in 2004. He was the final captain's pick for the Ryder Cup last year at Hazeltine and went 2-1, defeating Lee Westwood in the match that clinched victory for the Americans.

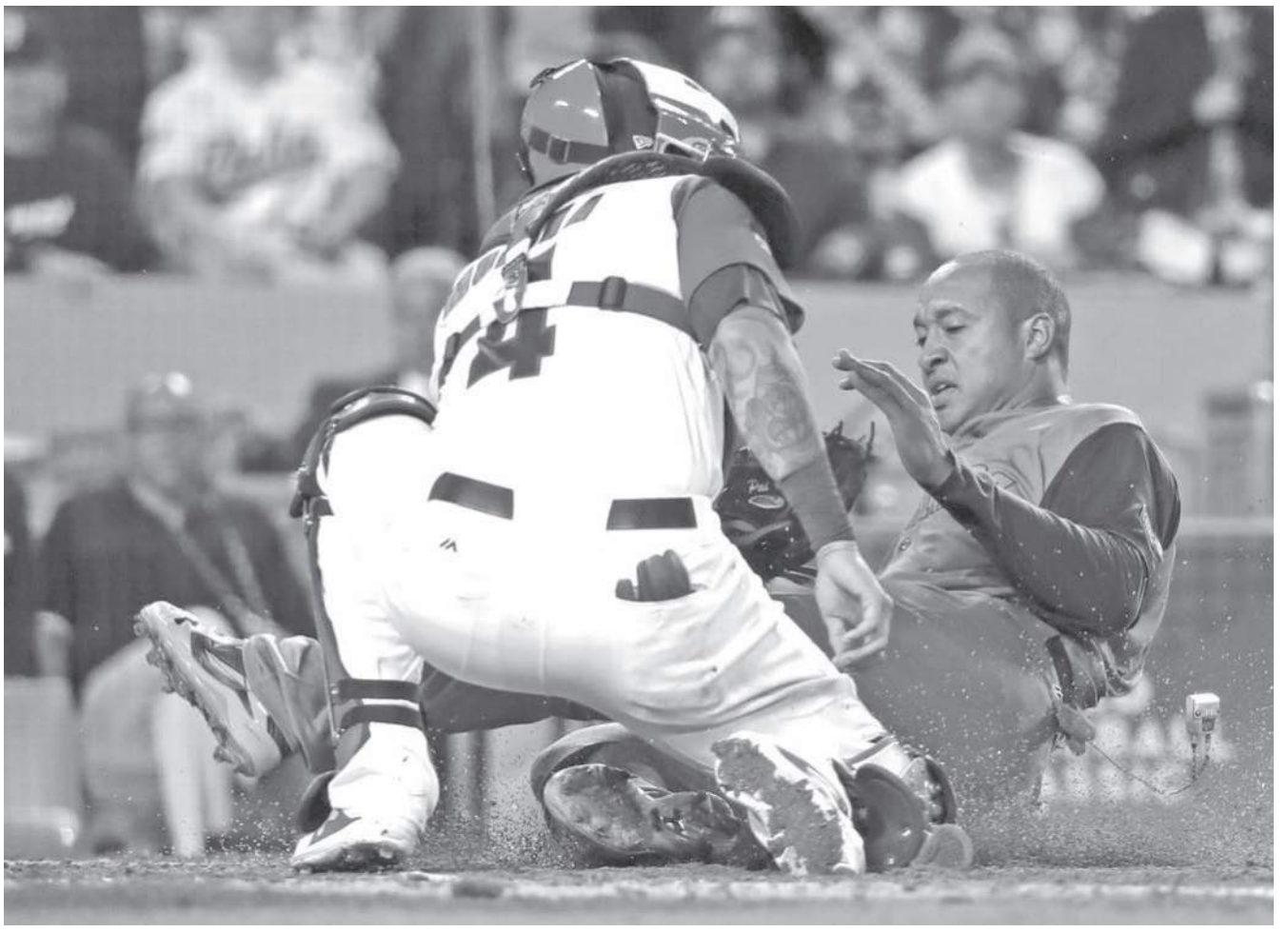
Spieth is the local favorite, helping the Texas Longhorns to the NCAA title in 2012. None of his round-robin matches made it to the 18th hole last year, but he lost in the first knockout match and spent the rest of the weekend on the lake.

Day and McIlroy are among just three past champions of this event. The other is Matt Kuchar, who won in Arizona when it was single-elimination.

Sergio Garcia and PGA Tour rookie Jon Rahm give Spain two players in one group.

"The first time I played this event, it was 64 guys, win or go home," Spieth said. "Now it's an opportunity to play more rounds, and fans and the viewing audience get to see the players they want to see play multiple rounds. The draw is the draw. You've got to play well to advance no matter what."

Puerto Rico edges Netherlands, reaches WBC final



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Puerto Rico catcher Yadier Molina, left, tags out Netherlands' Jonathan Schoop, who tried to score on a hit by Shawn Zarraga during the fifth inning of a semifinal in the World Baseball Classic in Los Angeles, Monday, March 20, 2017.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Eddie Rosario's sacrifice fly drove in Carlos Correa with the winning run in the 11th inning, giving Puerto Rico a 4-3 victory over the Netherlands on Monday night and a spot in the World Baseball Classic championship game.

Correa hit a two-run homer in the first inning, and T.J. Rivera's solo shot in the second put Puerto Rico ahead 3-2.

Puerto Rico will play either two-time champion Japan or the United States on Wednesday night at Dodger Stadium. The Puerto Ricans also reached the final in 2013, losing to the Dominican Republic 3-0.

The blond Puerto Rican players, who dyed their hair in a show of unity that has caught on back home, jumped up and down in celebration on the field after a lively, emotional and sometimes-testy game that lasted 4 hours, 19 minutes.

In the stands, the predominantly red, white and blue-clad crowd pounded cow bells and tooted horns and whistles in celebration.

Kike Hernandez, who plays for the Los Angeles Dodgers, and Hiram Burgos raced around the field carrying Puerto Rican flags above their heads.

Curt Smith grounded into a bases-loaded, inning-ending double play for the Netherlands in the 11th, which began with runners on first and second for both teams under tournament rules. It was one of three double plays turned by Puerto Rico.

Gold Glove catcher Yadier Molina's defense saved Puerto Rico from a potential grand slam in the first inning when Wladimir Balentien's homer helped the Netherlands to a 2-0 lead, giving orange-clad fans a reason to cheer.

Jorge Lopez allowed a leadoff single to Andrelton Simmons and hit Xander Bogaerts with a pitch. Simmons wandered off the bag toward third and Molina threw to second, but Simmons couldn't get back in time and got caught in a rundown.

Jurickson Profar singled to right, but was slow getting back to first while celebrating and was picked off by Molina, who took Rosario's relay from the outfield. Balentien followed with his mammoth, two-out shot, and celebrated with a bat flip.

Balentien, who had three hits, has been the top slugger in the WBC with four homers and a .750 batting average. He last played in the major leagues in 2009 and has been playing for Yakult in Japan since 2011.

Edwin Diaz threw high and inside to Balentien in the 10th, causing Balentien to point at his head and shake his finger in a warning to Diaz. Molina stepped in front of Balentien, as if to dissuade him from approaching the mound. Balentien took a called third strike, one of three punchouts by Diaz in the inning.

Diaz got the victory, and 7-foot-1 Loek Van Mil took the loss.

The Dutch turned a double play in the second before Rivera homered off Rick Van Den Hurk.

The Netherlands tied it 3-all in the fifth on Shawn Zarraga's RBI double to deep left-center. That scored Balentien after he doubled off the videoboard in left field with two outs. Jonathan Schoop, who had been intentionally walked, was thrown out at the plate on a strong relay by second baseman Javier Baez, a close play that was reviewed.

Baez turned a double play to end the eighth, fielding Smith's grounder and tagging Yurendell Decaster as he ran to second before getting Smith at first. Puerto Rican fans burst into chants and waved flags.

Bogaerts grounded into a double play on a chopper up the middle to end the ninth.

Kenley Jansen retired the side in the bottom of the ninth, striking out two for the Netherlands, with the Dodgers closer entering to his usual music "California Love" by 2Pac. He joined the team after the first two rounds of the WBC.

The Dutch were without shortstop Didi Gregorius, who left the team because of a bruised right shoulder. He hit .348, drove in eight runs and scored five in the tournament. His status for opening day with the New York Yankees is in doubt.

Howard optimistic he'd be healthy for US

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—As his U.S. teammates trained under cloudy skies on a brisk Bay Area morning, Tim Howard sat stretching on the sideline.

He loosened up his shoulders. He balanced on his left leg and worked his hips.

This is the new normal for Howard, fresh off his 38th birthday and a November surgery on his right thigh to repair the adductor muscle.

"I'm old," chuckled Howard, the Americans' top goalkeeper the past two World Cups.

"That's every day for me now, between now and the next three years that's what every day looks like. It's a process, but hopefully it'll pay off."

Howard is expected to start for coach Bruce Arena in Friday's World Cup qualifier against Honduras at Avaya Stadium, home of the MLS San Jose Earthquakes, before the Americans play at Panama four days later.

"It's good to have him back," defender DaMarcus Beasley said Monday. "He's been a big part of this team for a long time now. Big games, World Cups, qualifiers. To have him back with the team and the group is a big plus for us and for everybody to see him back, especially after the injury he had at the end of last season."

Brad Guzan, who was chosen as the starter for last year's Copa America and then called to sub for an injured Howard in the 40th minute of the first U.S. World Cup qualifying loss to Mexico, was replaced last week for family reasons. Guzan and his wife welcomed a baby girl Sunday night—"9 pounds, I'm told, and 22 inches long," Arena announced, though he didn't know the baby's name except that she arrived a little early.

"In these situations, I think family comes first, despite what we'd all like to think otherwise around the sporting side," Arena said. "He needs to be with his family this week, so the decision for him to stay makes sense."

Howard is confident kicking with his right foot again but he notes, "Thankfully I have half a decent left foot" when he needs to use it.

The U.S. is 0-2 in the final round of World Cup qualifying for the first time, and Arena returned to coach the team 10 years after his firing. He was re-hired in November to replace Jurgen Klinsmann on the heels of those two defeats: 2-1 to El Tri at home and 4-0 at Costa Rica.

Police: Brady's missing Super Bowl jerseys tracked to Mexico

BOSTON (AP)—Tom Brady's missing Super Bowl jersey has been found in Mexico six weeks after it vanished from the Patriots' locker room—but the mystery isn't over.

The NFL said the jersey was found in "possession of a credentialed member of the international media," and authorities were investigating Monday whether a former Mexican tabloid newspaper executive played a role in the theft.

It wasn't the only piece of memorabilia recovered: Authorities found a Brady jersey that had gone missing after the Patriots' 2015 Super Bowl win over the Seattle Seahawks. A helmet belonging to a Denver Broncos player was also discovered, NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said.

The stolen jersey—and the investigation that stretched from Boston to the border—captivated Patriots fans and social media for several days after the Patriots' 34-28 overtime win over the Atlanta Falcons.

"If it shows up on eBay or something, somebody let me know," Brady said after the game.

Houston police investigators relied on a tip from an informant to trace the jersey, estimated to be worth about $500,000, to Mexico.

U.S. and Mexican officials have not identified the suspect, but the name of a former newspaper director circulated widely in Mexican news media and on social networks.

A Mexican federal government official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case, said the attorney general's office participated in the investigation and obtained a search warrant. The jersey and other objects were found March 12, the official said.

The newspaper's owner, Organizacion Editorial Mexicana, issued a statement saying the director resigned two days later for "personal reasons."

The paper said that if the accusations are true, it "strongly condemns" that the employee used his position "to obtain a media accreditation to be able to access the field of play, news conferences and probably other areas of NRG Stadium." The paper said it had not been contacted by investigators.

A company official who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that the former director was not part of the media outlet's Super Bowl coverage.

"He got accredited on behalf of La Prensa, but he took vacations. ... He was not sent by us," the person said. "They were not even aware that (he) had gone to the Super Bowl."

The former director handed over his company phone when he resigned last Tuesday, the person said.

No arrests had been made. The AP is not identifying the director because he has not been charged.

Brady, in a statement from his agent, Don Yee, expressed gratitude to investigators but said he hadn't yet been reunited with the jerseys.

"I am happy my jerseys from SB 49 and SB 51 have been recovered, and I want to thank all of the law enforcement agencies involved," Brady said. "I know they worked hard on this case - and it is very much appreciated. Hopefully when I get the jerseys back I can make something very positive come from this experience."

Ironman 70.3 Saipan draws athletes worldwide

Triathletes from around the world gathered last March 11 on a tiny island—barely 13 miles long— in the western Pacific for the Ironman 70.3 Saipan, the newest race in the Ironman Circuit.

A calm lagoon and clear, languid waters welcomed competitors for the 1.2-mile swim leg of the race off the white sands of Pau Pau Beach, which translates from the indigenous Chamorro as "fragrant."

The 56-mile bike leg carried racers through quiet roadways to the picturesque Bird Island on the northern point of Saipan, so named for being a stopover point for migratory birds traversing the Pacific. Bikers then made their way to the southern part of the island along Beach Road, so named for hugging the ironwood tree-lined western shoreline.

Competitors rose to the challenge of mounting humidity as they took on the 13-mile run portion of the race, passing between majestic ocean views and towering limestone cliffs in northern Marpi, a forested area dotted with historic World War II sites and numerous peace memorials.

"We are ecstatic to be hosting the first ever Ironman 70.3 in Micronesia. The international exposure and prestige this event brings to The Marianas is enormous," said MVA managing Director Chris A. Concepcion.

"We had some minor confusion on traffic flow, and some drivers were less than courteous to our participants, but overall the community came out in full force to support this world-class event. We thank our partners at Best Sunshine International, Dept. of Public Works, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Saipan Mayor's Office, and all others who assisted us with the large banner displays at the old La Fiesta Mall. The images we displayed were from our new marketing campaign called 'Marianas 30 Treasures,' which contain images from Rota, Tinian and Saipan. They provided a festive atmosphere, and importantly shielded from public view the eyesore that is La Fiesta Mall. We are satisfied with the turnout and look forward to hosting IRONMAN 70.3 Saipan in 2018," he added.

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Athletes from around the world take the plunge to begin the inaugural Ironman 70.3 Saipan at Pau Pau Beach last March 11.

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A Japanese amputee embodies the Ironman spirit as he finishes the inaugural Ironman 70.3 Saipan last March 11.

While over half of the 181 competitors hailed from Japan, over 20 Koreans registered for the race, with 22-year-old Kwang Hoon Lee becoming the first Ironman in Saipan history with a 4:46:19 finish. Lee had been third out of the water and off the bike, as well. He was followed closely by fellow Korean Gyu Hung Lee (4:49:12), who finished the run leg in the quickest time. Rounding out the Top 3 in the men's division was Igor Lysov (4:50:23) of Russia, who also had the fastest bike time.

The youngest female competitor, 19-year-old Suk Hyeon Choi was the first to cross the finish line in the women's division with a time of 5:19:38. She was followed by Jayme Bograd of the U.S. in 5:23:40 and Jennifer Harmon, also of the U.S.at 3rd place (5:45:06).

Other participating countries were China, Hong Kong, Philippines, Guam, Singapore, Thailand, U.S., Canada, France, Spain, Australia, Brazil, Columbia, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Sweden, and The Marianas.

The event was co-organized under the Ironman umbrella by the MVA, Kiyokazu Fitness Club (KFC) of Japan and Athlonia.

Additional sponsors were: Delta Airlines, Fiesta Resort and Spa, and Kensington Hotel. Supporters were: Imperial Pacific International CSR Team, Triathlon Association of the CNMI, Marianas Health Services, Northern Marianas Diving Operators Association, Commonwealth Health Center Nursing Department, Dept. of Public Safety, Dept. of Public Lands, Division of Parks and Grounds, Dept. of Public Works Roads/Grounds, Saipan Mayor's Office, and numerous volunteers.

Next, the MVA will host the Saipan Marathon 2017 on March 25. ***(MVA)***

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World Group Finals that will be played in Budapest, Hungary in September.

Joining Lee's team and Uzbekistan in the group are Chinese-Taipei and India. Pacific Oceania was scheduled to face the third-seeded Chinese-Taipei yesterday and the unranked India today. Chinese-Taipei defeated India, 2-1, in last Monday's other match in Pool D. Only the Top 2 teams after the pool play will advance to the playoffs and Lee's team must make it to the Top 10 to avoid getting through the pre-qualifying tournament next year. Pacific Oceania ruled the pre-qualifying competition that was also held in India last month after downing Sri Lanka in the finals, while the former finished at No. 15 in last year's qualifying zone.

Meanwhile, the top-ranked and early favorite Japan is in Group A and clobbered Sri Lanka in its opening game, 3-0. The unranked China pulled off an upset over No. 6 Korea, 2-1, in the other pairing in the group. In Pool B, No. 2 Thailand shut down Kyrgyzstan, 3-0, while No. 5 New Zealand edged Malaysia, 2-1. In Pool C, No. 4 Australia topped Kazakstan, 2-1, while No. 8 Hong Kong prevailed against Indonesia in similar scores.

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regular season.

Star Water went on to keep the 9-point advantage in the second and third periods as GPPC failed to mount a comeback and just traded baskets with the former. Then midway in the fourth quarter, Star Water's lead ballooned to 12, 65-53, after Edwin Santos made back-to-back baskets.

GPPC, in its final push to rally, drew 6 straight points from Randy Mungcal to bring the deficit down to single digit, 59-65. However, Star Water countered with its own 6-0 scoring run off Edgar Ombac's baseline jumper and Dizon's pair of layoffs to seal the deal, down to the last two minutes of the match.

Dizon paced Star Water with his 22 points, while Gallardo chipped in 20.

Meanwhile, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. sent D&Q/CTSI packing after recording an 87-76 victory in the curtain-raiser last Monday.

CUC turned on the heat in the second half to build a sizeable lead en route to its 11-point winning margin.

Down by a deuce after the first and ahead by only 5 at the break, 32-27, CUC opened a 16-point spread in the third, 53-37, thanks to the 8 points of Eugene Manglona in the penultimate frame. The former Kagman High School standout matched the total field goal of the entire D&Q/CTSI crew in the third quarter.

Then in the fourth frame, Iramk Simada took over from Manglona, knocking down three triples and scoring 11 in the payoff period to hand CUC the easy win. Manglona and Simada ended up with 23 and 18 markers, respectively.

With the victory, CUC arranged a quarterfinal duel against the top-ranked Tan-Holdings this Friday at 6:30pm, while the Star Water vs Mariana Resort match is set for 8pm.

Other quarterfinal pairings are Mobil/COAG vs Best Deal/RNV Construction and Joeten against McDonald's and the four squads will battle for the first two Final Four berths tonight. The Joeten-McDonald's tiff is set for 8pm after the 6:30 encounter between Best Deal/RNV Construction and Mobil/COAG.

First Game

CUC 87 — Manglona 23, Simada 18, Spaeth 11, Pestillos 8, Poquiz 8, Lieto 6, Mira 2.

D&Q/CTSI 76 — Tenepere 13, Rivera 10, Raho 9, Echavez 6, Fujihara 5, Asaivao 5, Jinang 3, Benavente 3, Santos 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-15, 32-27, 53-37, 87-76.

Second Game

Star Water 79 — Dizon 22, Gallardo 20, Ombag 9, Santos 9, Brel 8, Itaas 6, Quiban 1.

GPPC 64 — Mungcal 15, Norial 14, Bandojo 9, M. Tagle 8, Santos 8, Sampang 5, A. Tagle 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-11, 38-29, 59-50, 79-64.

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Falcons' defense as the former were called for a 1-2-3. Dickinson fanned out Blue Jays leadoff batter Shawn Cruz and the former also picked up a short shot from Jayden Tenorio and threw to first baseman Jester Kintaro for the second out. The third out came off a 6-3 putout play on Sho Taguchi.

The Blue Jays fell behind in the match right from the start as they only scored in the second inning, while the Falcons hit the board in the first three before scoring their most runs in the fifth.

Meanwhile, the Falcons were also victorious in the Junior League division after outclassing the NSA Braves, 5-1.

The Falcons blanked the Braves in the first four innings with Joel Norita working the mound and striking out six. With Norita pitching and the rest of the Falcons defense on point, the Braves made it to scoring position only twice and had five runners stranded in the four-inning shutdown. The Braves' lone run came in the fifth as Jordan Babauta reached home off a sacrifice out.

The Braves scored after the Falcons built a 5-0 lead. The Falcons got a solo homer from Froilan Camacho and made three runs off two wild pitches and a Braves error at the bottom of the fourth, while their first run was recorded in the first inning with Aven Evangelista reaching home off a sacrifice fly.

After ending their silence, the Braves were called for a 1-2-3 in the sixth and seventh, allowing the Falcons to keep the driver's seat and the win.

In the other Junior League game, Bank of Saipan slipped past the Comets, 5-4.

Bank of Saipan lit up the board in the fourth and fifth inning to overhaul a 0-3 deficit and then held the Comets to one run in the last three frames to steal the victory.

Orren Cruz and Alexiana Tyquenco made it home off wild pitches at the bottom of the fourth, while Dominic Torres stole home and Rexon and Chase Tenorio scored off a passed ball and sacrifice out to put Bank of Saipan on top, 5-3.

The Comets recorded their three runs at the top of the third off Bing Nakamura's RBI triple, Zeph Limes' stolen base, and a Bank of Saipan error at short stop to take the lead. However, the Comets failed to regain the upper hand as they scored only one run (off a Bank of Saipan booboo at third base) in the fifth and were called for a 1-2-3 in the sixth and seventh inning.

Cruz closed out for Bank of Saipan after relieving Devon Pangelinan late in the sixth and the former went on to strike out three batters. He fanned out the Comets' first two batters at the top of the seventh and then teamed up with Rexon Tenorio for the 1-3 putout play to end the game.

Managers/coaches meeting

SLLB, Inc. president A.J. Murig is calling on all managers and coaches of the participating teams in the Majors, Junior, and Senior League divisions to attend a meeting on March 27 at 5:30pm at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The officials will be updated on the ongoing season and the district and regional tournaments during the meeting.

2017 XTERRA Saipan Bike Leg

PHOTOS By JON PEREZ

Austrian Dominik Wychera heads to the Sound of Music trail during the bike leg of last Saturday's 2017 XTERRA Saipan.

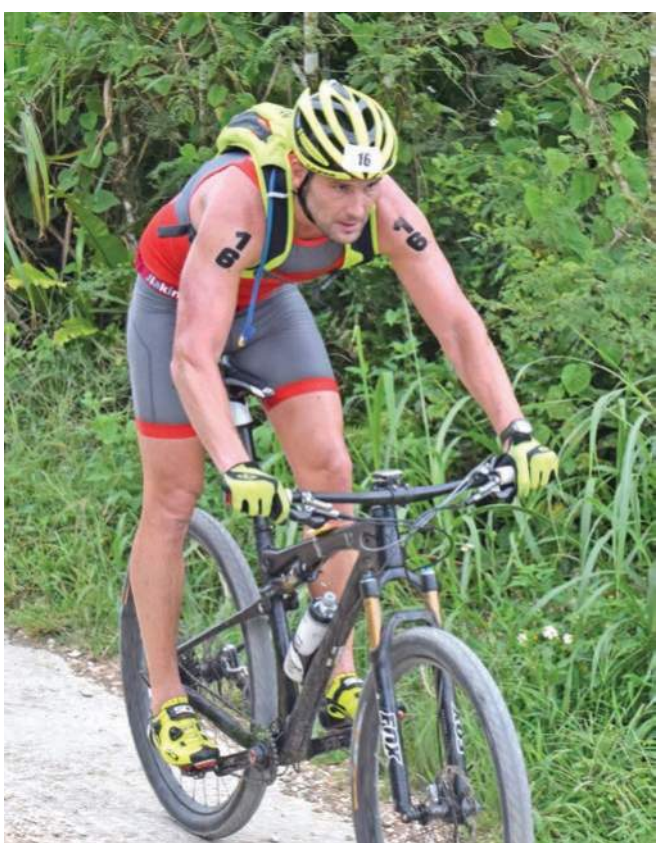
Sam Osborne of New Zealand heads to the final turn before entering the trail part of the bike leg with South Africa's Bradley Weiss not too far behind.

Guam's Mieko Carey slows down as she prepares to go downhill.

The Philippines' Joseph Miller carefully navigates his mountain bike inside the trail.

Buboy Aguilar takes a sip while pedaling his way up Mt. Tapuchao.

Yuji Ono of Saitama, Japan reacts as he makes the climb to Mt. Tapuchao.



Slovak pro Michal Bucek steers his bike in a rough road.

Von Adrian Libayan, left, and Wynn Brillo ride together while heading toward the Sound of Music trail.

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CUC, Star Water enter Elite 8

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Another higher seeded team has fallen as Star Water defeated GPPC, 79-64, in the final game in the first round of the playoffs in the JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Star Water, which was ranked 10th heading into the playoffs, took early control of the game and then pulled away late in the fourth to eliminate the seventh-seeded GPPC. With the victory, Star Water gained the last seat to the Elite 8 and will face No. 2 seed Mariana Resort in the quarterfinals.

GPPC, on the other hand, followed two higher seed teams—No. 5 Top Development, Inc. and No. 3 Coca-Cola /Subway—to the exit door. Also done for this season were No. 15 Triple J, No. 16 Konstrak Builders, No. 13 Docomo Pacific, No. 11 Westco, and D&Q/CTSI.

Star Water established a 20-11 advantage after the first quarter behind the 8 points apiece of Melvin Gallardo and Rommel Dizon. GPPC fell behind early as it was held to four field goals in the opening canto and clearly missed the services of Alex Ocampo, who scored in twin digits in six of their seven games in the

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Star Water's Melvin Gallardo, center, drives against GPPC's Aba Tagle, left, and Gary Norial during the fourth quarter of their playoff game in the JEM/Mobil caging last Monday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Twin victories for Falcons

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Spencer Dickinson hurls for the Falcons at the top of the fourth inning of their game against the Blue Jays in the Senior League division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Falcons made short work of the Blue Jays, cruising to a 12-2 win in their Senior League game in the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Falcons took the victory after only five innings via 10-run mercy rule.

Spencer Dickinson threw a four-hitter and struck out six batters to help the Falcons dispatch the Blue Jays early. He also scored three runs and stole home twice. His steal at the top of the fifth inning gave the Falcons one of the five runs they needed to wrap up the match two innings early. Kobe Lifoifoi had a two-RBI single and one run, while Noel Cabrera hit an RBI single at the top of the fifth to hand the Falcons the double-digit lead.

At the bottom of the fifth, the Blue Jays just had to score one run to stay in the game, but they did not stand a chance against the

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Carol wins first match in Junior Fed Cup qualifier

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The CNMI's Carol Lee won her opening game in the 2017 Junior Fed Cup Asia Oceania Qualifying Zone last Monday at the R.K Khanna Tennis Stadium in New Delhi, India.

The 15-year-old player saw action for Pacific Oceania in the Singles 1 match and swept Uzbekistan's Yasmina Karimjanova, 6-2, 6-1. The victory, which Lee gained after an hour and 14 minutes, allowed the unranked Pacific Oceania to force a rubber match against the No. 8 seed Uzbekistan. Earlier in the Singles 2 play, Uzbekistan drew first blood after Mila Maslenkova downed Tahiti's Naia Guitton, 6-2, 6-1.

With Pacific Oceania and Uzbekistan splitting the two singles games, the opposing teams returned to the court and played the lone doubles match. The game came only a few hours after Lee secured the victory for Pacific Oceania and she and Guitton were dominated by Maslenkova and Karimjanova in the first set, 6-1. In the second set, Lee and Guitton stood toe-to-toe with the Uzbekistan pair before falling short in the extended game, 5-7.

Lee and company are in Group D of the pool play in the Asia Oceania qualifier where the Top 3 teams after the playoffs will gain slots to the 2017 Junior Fed Cup

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Carol Lee, seen here in a Juniors ITF tournament on Saipan last year, won her first match in the 2017 Junior Fed Cup Asia Oceania Qualifying Zone last Monday at the R.K Khanna Tennis Stadium in New Delhi, India.